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ANALYSIS

GOP made a bet on Trump — and it could be costly

If the ex-president wins the nomination, the party's fate may be tied to the outcome of his criminal trial.

By David Lauter

WASHINGTON — Nearly seven years ago, the GOP made what many party officials privately called a devil's bargain with Donald Trump. The bill just came due.

It's not possible yet to assess the strength of Manhattan Dist. Atty. Alvin Bragg's case against Trump. The investigation was known to involve hush-money payments to a porn star to cover up an alleged affair, but its full dimensions and the precise charges on which a New York grand jury indicted the former president Thursday afternoon remain under seal and may not be known until his arraignment, scheduled for Tuesday.

Nor is there much point in trying to guess the impact on a general election that remains more than 19 months — and perhaps several indictments — in the future.

But what is clear is that Republicans now face what may be a worst-case scenario: For at least some time, the front-runner for their nomination will be campaigning while facing criminal charges. That's likely to strengthen him in the eyes of a significant share of the party's voters, even as a majority of Americans view it as disqualifying.

If Trump wins the nomination, the party's fate could be lashed to the outcome of a criminal trial. If he loses, the indictment will give him every incentive to once again cry foul and denounce whoever beat him.

Trump already has given the country a preview of what campaigning while under indictment will look like: For the last several weeks, he has been regularly

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Republicans rally for Trump

House GOP ramps up attacks on Manhattan D.A., calling indictment political. **NATION, A5**

Photographs by Luis Sinco Los Angeles Times

A WINTER of heavy storms has benefited the creeks and lagoons of Malibu, as runoff has revitalized streams along the Pacific Coast. The much-needed water has improved reproductive prospects for endangered species.

Where saturated California has reaped the most reward

Rain has nourished crops, wetlands and threatened species

By James Rainey

WILLIAMS, Calif. — Breathing in the rain-scrubbed air and absorbing the splendor of Topanga Creek, as it danced and pooled before her eyes, Rosi Dagit had to smile.

"This is like heaven for a steelhead," said Dagit, a senior biologist with the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains. "If I was a steelhead, this is where I would lay my eggs."

This winter's strong and persistent rains have revived a creek that, in recent years amid a punishing drought, had been reduced to a series of ponds and puddles.

The much-needed water greatly enhances the prospects of reproduction for the endangered southern steelhead. And it has revived habitat for myriad other species in the Topanga Creek watershed, from a tiny minnow to frogs and newts to the coyotes and mountain lions that roam the canyon.

Humans share in the watery bounty, because the rocks and sediment washing down Topanga Creek replenish an eroding beach and bolster a beloved surfing spot. Topanga regulars say the newly configured ocean

[See **Rains,** A6]

A PELICAN splashes around in Malibu Lagoon. In areas that avoided calamity, rain has been a boon.

THE PATH FROM PANDEMIC

How immune are we? It's unsettled

Health officials have not agreed on what it means to be protected from COVID-19, but testing offers insights.

By Melissa Healy

The pandemic's formal end in the U.S. on May 11 marks neither victory nor peace: It's a cessation of hostilities with a dangerous virus that is still very much with us.

To maintain such an uneasy truce, Americans will have to stay protected enough to prevent humanity's viral foe from staging a breakout in our shaky accord.

Providing that assurance, in turn, assumes that scientists and public health officials all agree on what it means to be "protected enough," and that they can tell whether people are meeting that mark.

On both counts, the nation's readiness to monitor this armistice falls short.

The trouble is no one has a clear fix on the extent of Americans' immunity to the virus that causes COVID-19. And beneath that lies a more fundamental problem: Scientists and public health officials still have not settled on what it means to be immune or adopted a common yardstick for measuring it.

"We're always at the point of having to make decisions without that data," Dr. Hayley Gans, a Stanford infectious disease doctor who advises the Food and Drug Administration on vaccine policy, said in a recent public meeting convened by the agency.

There are some reassuring trends. Hospitalizations for COVID-19 have plummeted, and weekly deaths from COVID-19 have fallen 90% from their most recent

[See **Immunity,** A7]

A conviction in shooting on 'Rust' set

Assistant director pleads no contest in cinematographer's 2021 death

By Meg James

"Rust" assistant director David Halls was convicted Friday of one count of negligent use of a deadly weapon for his role in the accidental shooting death of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins on the set of the low-budget western.

At a virtual court hearing, Halls told New Mexico 1st Judicial District Court Judge Mary Marlowe Sommer that he agreed to plead no contest to the misdemeanor charge.

With Halls' plea, New Mexico prosecutors have secured one conviction in the criminal cases stemming from Alec Baldwin's Oct. 21, 2021, shooting of Hutchins on the movie set near Santa Fe, N.M. The film's director, Joel Souza, was wounded.

Sommer gave Halls — the person who handed Baldwin the loaded firearm — a suspended six-month sentence of unsupervised probation. Halls has agreed to pay a $500 fine, participate in a firearms safety class, refrain from taking drugs or alcohol and complete 24 hours of community service.

Halls' conviction was expected. He entered a plea deal with prosecutors in January, which the judge has now accepted.

Halls' Albuquerque-based attorney, Lisa Torraco, told the judge that Halls is still haunted by the tragedy. He was standing just three feet from Hutchins and Souza when

[See **'Rust,'** A7]

COLUMN ONE

At this strip show, 'you can see yourself up there'

Plus-sized performers at one of L.A.'s hottest exotic dance revues employ plenty of body glitter — and body positivity.

By Sonja Sharp

It was an hour into class, and the performers were feeling themselves.

Thighs jiggled. Bellies bounced. Butt cheeks clapped. Twenty-four-year-old actor Sammy Mendoza tittered nervously, a chorus of giggles trailing her across a North Hollywood studio.

Suddenly, the music stopped.

"There's nothing funny about how much ass is in this room, and how hot it is," instructor Cera Byer snapped.

Byer's sensual movement workshop is the first step toward the pole at Thick Strip, L.A.'s biggest plus-sized strip revue.

For these aspiring exotic dancers, tears are expected. Tiger stripes, a must. But in Byer's bawdy workshops and the raucous stage show run by comedian Alison Stevenson, giggles are a hard limit.

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CERA BYER, left, instructs students during a sensual movement workshop in North Hollywood. Byer's class is the first step toward the pole at Thick Strip, L.A.'s biggest plus-sized strip revue.

Tornado slams Little Rock

Twister races through capital of Arkansas, causing severe damage as people scramble for shelter. **NATION, A4**

Facility focuses on breast milk

UC San Diego inaugurates the Human Milk Institute, devoted to crucial element of nutrition. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

UCLA gymnast leads by example

Emily Lee thrives in high-pressure situations, achieving high marks as team's tonesetter. **SPORTS, B12**

Apple Pay Later has downsides

Tech giant joins "buy now, pay later" lending trend, but experts say scheme isn't financially savvy. **BUSINESS, A9**

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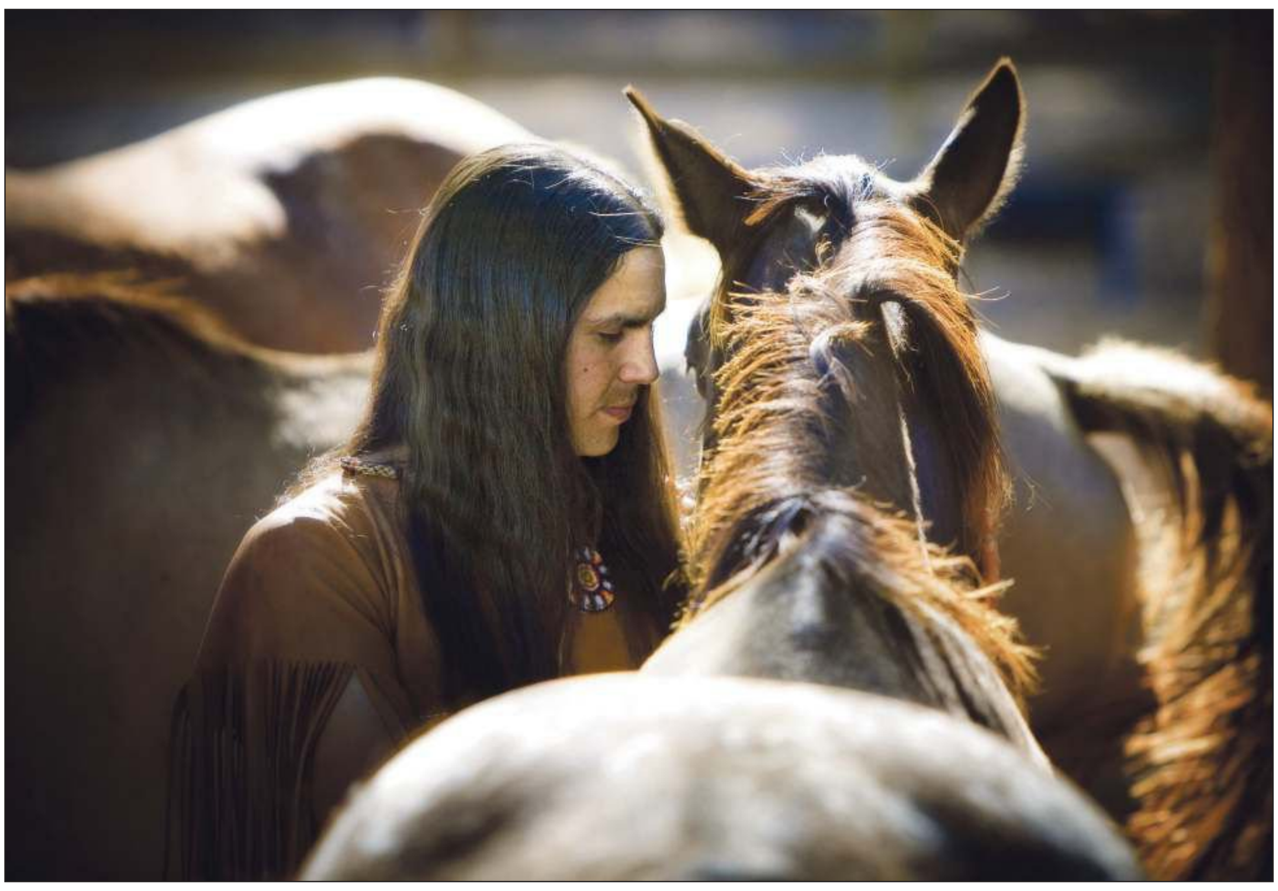
PERSPECTIVES

Horses were out West in early 1600s, study finds

The timeline matches Indigenous accounts of horses before Europeans arrived.

By Christina Larson



Sacred Way Sanctuary

A MAN in Alabama with horses that are descendants of those that accompanied Indigenous people on forced removals. Indigenous groups' oral histories have told of them encountering horses before they met Europeans.

WASHINGTON — The horse is symbolic of the American West, but when and how domesticated horses first reached the region has long been a matter of historical debate.

A new analysis of horse bones gathered from museums across the Great Plains and northern Rockies has revealed that horses were present in the grasslands by the early 1600s, earlier than many written histories suggest.

The timing is significant because it matches up with the oral histories of multiple Indigenous groups that recount their peoples had horses of Spanish descent before Europeans physically arrived in their homelands, perhaps through trading networks.

The study, published Thursday in the journal Science, involved more than 80 co-authors — including archaeologists and geneticists, as well as historians and scientists from the Lakota, Comanche and Pawnee nations.

Prior genetic research has shown that the ancestors of horses first evolved in North America millions of years ago, before making their way to the central plains of Europe and Asia, where they were domesticated. But those early horse ancestors disappeared from the American archaeological record around 6,000 years ago.

In the new study, scientists examined about two dozen sets of horse remains from sites ranging from New Mexico to Idaho to Kansas to establish that horses were ridden and raised by Indigenous groups by the early 1600s.

"Almost every aspect of the human-horse relationship is manifest in the skeleton in some way," said University of Colorado Boulder archaeologist William Taylor, a study author.

The study found that the horses were present in the American West and Southwest several decades before the Pueblo Revolt of 1680 — when allied Indigenous groups pushed Spanish colonizers out of New Mexico.

The retreating armies left behind thousands of horses and livestock, and many historical accounts had inaccurately pinpointed this moment as the entrance of the horse into the cultures of Indigenous groups in North America.

"Now we can wave goodbye to the Pueblo Revolt as an explanation for the spread of the horse into the American West," said Oxford University archaeologist Peter Mitchell, who was not involved in the study.

But Indigenous groups have long disputed this chronology, as the oral histories of many groups have told of them encountering horses before they met Europeans.

Rather than receiving horses directly from retreating Spanish armies, multiple oral histories suggest that Indigenous groups first encountered horses that had run away from Spanish camps, or been traded through tribal networks, said Jimmy Arterberry, a study author and Comanche tribal member and historian in Medicine Park, Okla.

"We have always known and said that we came across horses before we came across the Spanish," he said.

Yvette Running Horse Collin, a study author who is an evolutionary geneticist at the Center for Anthropobiology and Genomics of Toulouse in France and a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation, said the findings show that the oral traditions of Indigenous peoples, which have often been neglected by outside historians, have unique value to understanding the past.

"Our cultures have been so misrepresented for so long," she said.

The ambitious research collaboration, which was initiated by Lakota scholars, is one step in repairing a longstanding mistrust between Indigenous groups and archaeologists, who in the early and mid-20th century raided tombs and ceremonial sites for cultural artifacts without consent.

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 — which established a process for museums and other institutions that receive federal funds to collaborate with tribes in returning stolen sacred objects — was a key early step in establishing some measure of trust and communication, said Carlton Shield Chief Gover, a study author who is a citizen of the Pawnee Nation and an Indiana University archaeologist.

"Hopefully, seeing new research like this will push more Indigenous people to develop their own archaeological and anthropological expertise," he said.

The study also showed that, over time, the genetics of horses in North America switched from being primarily of Spanish origin to a mixture of British and Spanish, reflecting the ascent of different empires.

"It means that the shift from a Spanish to a British dominant colonial power can be seen even in the horse genome itself," said Ludovic Orlando, a study author who is an evolutionary geneticist at the Center for Anthropobiology and Genomics of Toulouse.

Larson writes for the Associated Press.

Pressure mounts against deep sea mining plans

Environmental concerns are pit against growing demand for minerals.

By Dánica Coto

Carolyn Cole Los Angeles Times

A U.N.-AFFILIATED body is weighing rules on sea mining amid calls to pause.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Pressure is mounting on an obscure U.N.-affiliated body based in Jamaica to hit pause on plans to potentially open the world's deep seas to mining as companies push for permission to extract metals from seabeds in international waters.

The International Seabed Authority on Friday closed two weeks' worth of negotiations without approving rules and regulations to oversee deep sea mining amid growing calls to pause, ban or place a moratorium on the quest to extract minerals from Earth's watery depths that are used in green technology like electric car batteries.

Though the first exploration licenses for deep sea mining were issued in 2001, the authority has yet to receive an application for actual mining. Individual countries and private companies can start applying for provisional licenses on July 10 if the United Nations body does not approve a set of rules and regulations by July 9, which experts say is highly unlikely since they believe the process could take several years.

"We know what a crucial period … the council is in at the moment," Deryck Lance Murray, the authority's representative for Trinidad and Tobago, said at the closing meeting on Friday.

Scientists worry that deep sea mining would disrupt critical ecosystems that regulate climate change, and a growing number of countries are siding with them, including France, Spain, Germany, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic.

"When in doubt, favor nature," Edward Aníbal Pérez, the authority's representative from the Dominican Republic, said at the closing meeting on Friday.

He noted that while he is aware of the importance of certain minerals given that mankind is on the brink of an energy transition, he said deep sea mining is not the sole alternative to meet growing demand.

"It is clear there are doubts as to the effects that this activity might cause," he said.

Earlier, France's representative, Olivier Guyonvarch, said a lack of data on deep sea ecosystems and species prevents a fact-based analysis of potential damage that such mining might cause. "Scientists are uncovering an extraordinary diversity of life in the largely unexplored and unstudied depths of the ocean," he said.

Guyonvarch noted that scientists already know the deep sea plays a large role in mitigating climate change by storing large amounts of carbon.

Scientists have warned that deep sea mining would kill species and damage ecosystems by releasing noise, light and dust storms, while companies that support such mining argue it is cheaper and has less of an impact than land mining.

More than 30 exploration licenses have been issued so far, with activity mostly focused in an area called the Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone, which spans 1.7 million square miles just south of the stretch of Pacific between Hawaii and Mexico. Exploration there has been occurring at depths ranging from 13,000 to 19,000 feet.

The rush and demand for minerals come as a growing number of countries and companies turn to green energy in a bid to reduce pollution.

The International Energy Agency noted in a report this year that "industries that were in their infancy" in the early 2000s and 2010s such as solar photovoltaic technology and electric vehicles "have mushroomed into vast manufacturing operations today."

Demand for minerals including lithium, cobalt and nickel is expected to increase from less than 10 million metric tons to some 150 million metric tons between 2020 and 2050, according to Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy.

More than a dozen countries have officially called for a ban, pause or moratorium on deep sea mining, although it's unclear how many other countries support such mining. And while there are 36 members on the authority's council that have the power to award contracts to governments and private companies, only 12 votes in favor of deep sea mining are needed for it to pass, according to Deep Sea Conservation Coalition, a Netherlands-based alliance of environmental groups.

In addition, the ongoing debate is on how the International Seabed Authority would approve or reject an application for a provisional license without guidance from a set of rules and regulations, Matthew Gianni, the coalition's co-founder, told the Associated Press. He added that there is no agreement yet on what a provisional license would allow.

And even if a provisional license is granted, it's not yet clear whether that would be an actual green light for mining or just a provisional approval stating that the company or country cannot sign a contract with the U.N. body until a regulatory framework is created.

"All of that is up in the air," Gianni said.

Any decision regarding a provisional license also could be appealed to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

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Bodies of migrants found on U.S.-Canada border

At least eight have turned up in two days in marshes around the St. Lawrence River.

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AKWESASNE, Canada — The bodies of two more migrants who died trying to cross from Canada into the United States were found Friday, bringing the death toll to eight, including two children, according to police in the Mohawk territory of Akwesasne.

The bodies of six people, described as members of two families of Romanian and Indian descent, were found Thursday in a marshy area of the St. Lawrence River, which forms the Canada-U.S. border.

Akwesasne Mohawk Police Chief Shawn Dulude said authorities were still looking for Casey Oakes, 30, of Akwesasne, who was last seen Wednesday operating a boat that was found next to the bodies.

RYAN REMIORZ Canadian Press

CREWS search for migrants, most of whom are trying to cross into the U.S., Friday in Akwesasne in Quebec.

A police helicopter spotted the latest two bodies in the water.

"A total of eight bodies have now been recovered from the waters. All are believed to have been attempting illegal entry into the United States from Canada," Dulude said.

Akwesasne straddles the Canada-United States border and has territory in Quebec, Ontario and New York state.

A child whose body was discovered Friday was a Canadian citizen and a member of the Romanian family, Dulude said. The body of an adult woman believed to be an Indian national was also recovered.

Dulude said he didn't know whether Oakes, a person of interest, is alive.

The territory is known for being a transit point for the trafficking of humans and contraband. In February, police in Akwesasne reported an increase in human smuggling into the Mohawk territory.

"Our community has been exploited by this," said Grand Chief Abram Benedict of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. "This is not the first time that tragedy has happened in our community like this. We've had other losses."

Lee-Ann O'Brien, deputy chief of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, said six of the bodies were located during a search for Oakes, who was reported missing Thursday. He was last seen Wednesday around 9:30 p.m. boarding a small boat departing from the east end of Cornwall Island in the St. Lawrence River on the Ontario side of the Mohawk territory.

Weather conditions in the area were rough Wednesday night, O'Brien said.

"This is a heartbreaking situation," Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said. "We need to understand properly what happened, how it happened and do whatever we can to minimize the chances of this ever happening again."

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service said the first body was located around 5 p.m. Thursday in a marsh. The area was searched by a police marine unit with the help of the Canadian Coast Guard and the Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department. Air support units with the Quebec and Ontario provincial police also assisted.

Postmortem and toxicology tests have been ordered to determine how the people died.

Akwesasne police say about 80 people have tried to cross illegally into Canada or the U.S. through Mohawk territory since January, and most have been of Indian or Romanian descent. He said most of the migrants are heading south to the United States.

"There's always been people coming through here," Dulude said. "I've always been worried about it. It's just that now there's more attention."

Tony Jackson, an Akwesasne resident, said crossing the river on a small, crowded boat "called for disaster."

"The east wind around here creates a lot of waves, five feet tall, maybe taller," he said.

Jackson said he had never heard Oakes talk about transporting migrants but had witnessed groups of migrants crossing fields with bags in hand and had occasionally seen boats carrying large groups of people across the river.

"A couple of times in one month, you'll see a couple of them walking down the road with all their bags," he said.

In April 2022, six Indian nationals were rescued from a sinking boat in the St. Regis River, which runs through Akwesasne Mohawk territory. A seventh person, spotted leaving the vessel and wading ashore, was later identified as a U.S. citizen. U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials described it as a human smuggling incident.

Trudeau and President Biden last week announced a plan to close a loophole to an immigration agreement that allowed thousands of asylum-seeking migrants to move between the two countries along a back road linking New York state to Quebec.

The deal, which closed an illegal border crossing point about 66 miles east of Akwesasne, took effect Saturday.

Early last year, a Florida man was charged with human smuggling after the bodies of four people, including a baby and a teen, were found in Canada near the U.S. border in what authorities believe was a failed crossing attempt between Manitoba, Canada, and North Dakota during a blizzard. Those who died were Indian nationals trying to enter the United States.

ANDRIY ANDRIYENKO Associated Press

PEOPLE collect belongings from a destroyed building in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine.

Bucha marks grim milestone while Russia bombs Ukraine

BY HANNA ARHIROVA

KYIV, Ukraine — Russia used its long-range arsenal to bombard anew several areas of Ukraine on Friday, killing at least two civilians and damaging homes as Ukrainians commemorated the anniversary of the liberation of Bucha.

President Volodymyr Zelensky said that Bucha, a town near Kyiv, stands as a symbol of the atrocities that the Russian military has committed since its full-scale invasion began in February 2022.

"We will not let it be forgotten," Zelensky said at a formal ceremony in Bucha, vowing to punish those who committed outrages in the town. "Human dignity will not let it be forgotten. On the streets of Bucha, the world has seen Russian evil — evil unmasked."

At the same time as the Bucha commemorations, the Kremlin-allied president of Belarus raised the stakes in the 13-month-old war when he said that Russian strategic nuclear weapons might be deployed in his country, along with part of Moscow's tactical nuclear arsenal.

Moscow said this week that it planned to place in neighboring Belarus tactical nuclear weapons that are comparatively short-range and low-yield. Strategic nuclear weapons such as missile-borne warheads would bring a greater threat.

Zelensky dedicated his attention to an official ceremony in Bucha, where he was joined by the president of Moldova and the prime ministers of Croatia, Slovakia and Slovenia.

The Kremlin's forces occupied Bucha weeks after they invaded Ukraine and stayed for about a month. When Ukrainian troops retook the town, they encountered horrific scenes: bodies of women, young and old men, in civilian clothing, lying in the street where they had fallen or in yards and homes.

Other bodies were found in a mass grave. Over weeks and months, hundreds of bodies were uncovered, including some of children.

Russian soldiers on intercepted phone conversations called it *"zachistka"* — cleansing, according to an investigation by the Associated Press and the PBS series "Frontline."

Such organized cruelty — used by Russian troops in past conflicts as well, notably in Chechnya — was later repeated in Russia-occupied territories across Ukraine.

Zelensky handed out medals to soldiers, police, doctors, teachers and emergency workers in Bucha, as well as to the families of two soldiers killed during the defense of the Kyiv region.

"Ukrainian people, you have stopped the biggest anti-human force of our times," he said. "You have stopped the force which has no respect and wants to destroy everything that gives meaning to human life."

More than 1,400 civilian deaths, including 37 children, were documented by Ukrainian authorities, Zelensky said.

More than 175 people were found in mass graves and alleged torture chambers, he said. Ukraine and other countries, including the U.S., have demanded that Russia answer for war crimes.

Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin alleged Friday that many of the dead civilians were tortured. Almost 100 Russian soldiers are suspected of war crimes, he said on his Telegram channel, and indictments have been issued for 35 of them.

Two Russian servicemen have already been sentenced by a Ukrainian court to 12 years in prison for illegal deprivation of liberty of civilians and looting.

"I am convinced that all these crimes are not a coincidence. This is part of Russia's planned strategy aimed at destroying Ukraine as a state and Ukrainians as a nation," Kostin said.

In Geneva, the United Nations' human rights chief said his office has so far verified the deaths of more than 8,400 civilians in Ukraine since Russia's invasion — a count believed to be far short of the true toll.

Volker Turk told the U.N. Human Rights Council that "severe violations of human rights and international humanitarian law have become shockingly routine" amid Russia's invasion.

As well as making an announcement about possibly having Russian strategic nuclear weapons on his country's soil, the leader of Belarus also unexpectedly called for a cease-fire in Ukraine, without making any reference about how the two developments might be connected.

A truce must be announced without any preconditions, and all movement of troops and weapons must be halted, Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said in his state of the nation address in Minsk on Friday.

"It's necessary to stop now until an escalation begins," Lukashenko said, adding that an anticipated Ukrainian counteroffensive using Western-supplied weapons would bring "an irreversible escalation of the conflict."

But Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov responded that Russia has to keep fighting, claiming that Ukraine has rejected talks because of pressure from its Western allies.

Peskov also dismissed Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban's remarks about the European Union possibly deploying peacekeeping troops to Ukraine as "extremely dangerous."

Russia has maintained its bombardment of Ukraine, with the war already into its second year.

In addition to the two deaths Friday, 14 civilians were wounded early Friday as Russia launched missiles, shells, exploding drones and gliding bombs, Zelensky's office said.

Two Russian missiles hit the city of Kramatorsk in the eastern Donetsk region, damaging eight residential buildings. Throughout the Donetsk region, one civilian was killed and five others were wounded by the strikes, Zelensky's office said.

Nine Russian missiles struck Kharkiv, damaging residential buildings, roads, gas stations and a prison. The Russians also used exploding drones to attack the Kharkiv region.

Russian forces also shelled the southern city of Kherson, killing one resident and wounding two others. The village of Lviv in the Kherson region was struck by gliding bombs that damaged about 10 houses. The barrage also hit the city of Zaporizhzhia and its outskirts, causing major fires.

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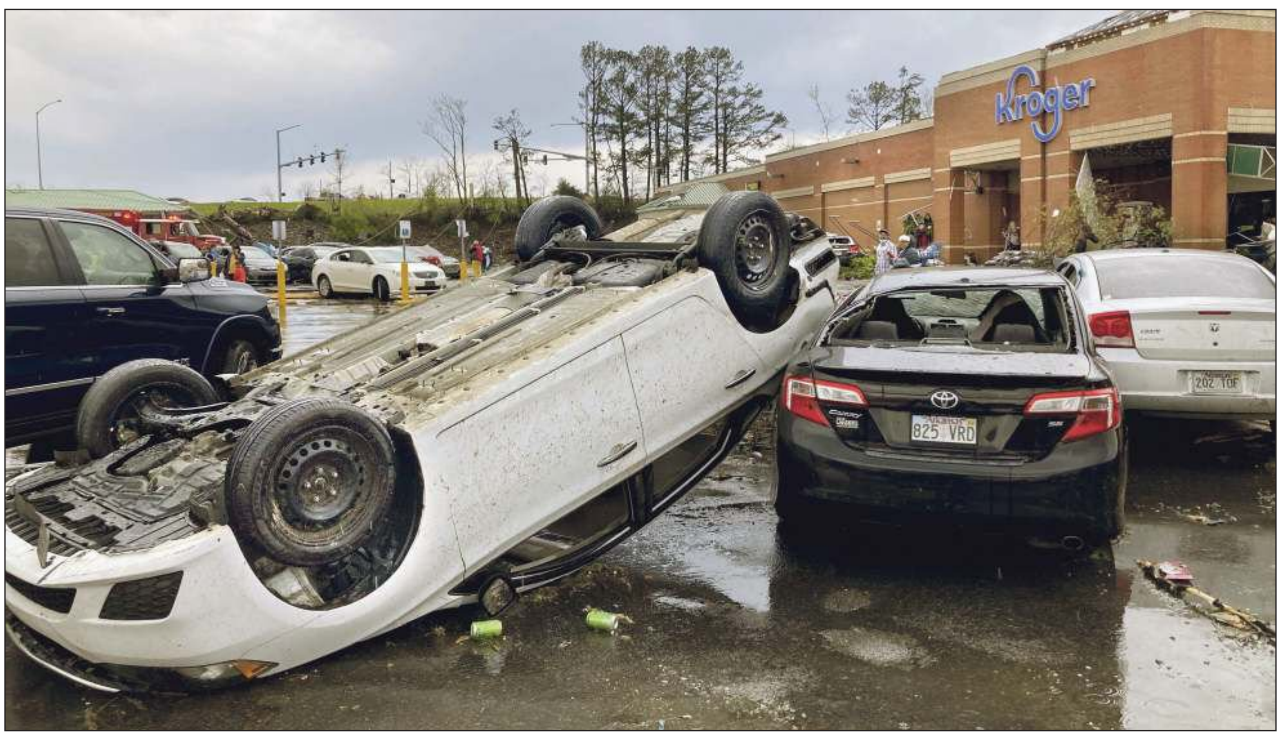
Arkansas tornadoes leave widespread damage

Little Rock trauma center braces for patients as twisters wreck homes, tip vehicles, topple trees.

By Andrew DeMillo



Andrew DeMillo Associated Press

A TIPPED car lies in a Kroger parking lot Friday after a tornado hit Little Rock, Ark. Twisters also hit Iowa.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A tornado raced through Little Rock and surrounding areas of Arkansas on Friday, splintering homes, overturning vehicles and tossing trees and debris on roadways as people raced for shelter.

The city's main trauma center said it was expecting at least 15 to 20 patients. There were reports of at least one dead and two dozen or more hurt, some critically.

Another tornado hit the town of Wynne in the eastern part of the state near the Tennessee border, and officials reported widespread damage there including destroyed homes and downed trees.

There were more confirmed twisters in Iowa, damaging hail fell in Illinois, and wind-whipped grass fires blazed in Oklahoma, part of a massive storm system threatening a broad swath of the South and Midwest that is home to some 85 million people.

The destructive weather came as President Biden toured the aftermath of a deadly tornado that struck in Mississippi a week ago, and he promised the federal government would help the area recover.

The Little Rock tornado tore first through neighborhoods in the western part of the city and shredded a small shopping center that included a Kroger grocery store. It then crossed the Arkansas River into North Little Rock and surrounding cities, where widespread damage was reported to homes, businesses and vehicles.

In the evening, officials in Pulaski County announced a confirmed fatality in North Little Rock but did not immediately give details.

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Medical Center in Little Rock was operating at a mass casualty level and preparing for up to 20 patients, spokesperson Leslie Taylor said. Baptist Health Medical Center-Little Rock officials told KATV in the afternoon that 21 people had checked in there with tornado-caused injuries, including five in critical condition.

Mayor Frank Scott Jr., who announced that he was requesting assistance from the National Guard, tweeted in the evening that officials were aware of 24 people who had been hospitalized in Little Rock but no fatalities at the moment.

"Property damage is extensive and we are still responding," he said.

Resident Niki Scott took cover in the bathroom after her husband called to say a tornado was headed her way. She could hear glass shattering as the tornado roared past, and emerged afterward to find that her house was one of the few on her street that didn't have a tree fall on it.

"It's just like everyone says. It got really quiet, then it got really loud," Scott said afterward, as chainsaws roared and sirens blared in the area.

Outside a Little Rock Guitar Center, five people were captured on video aiming their phones at the swirling sky. "Uh, no, that's an actual tornado, y'all. It's coming this way," Red Padilla, a singer and songwriter in the band Red and the Revelers, said in the video.

Padilla told the Associated Press that he and five bandmates sheltered inside the store for around 15 minutes with more than a dozen others while the tornado passed. The power went out, and they used the flashlights on their phones to see.

"It was real tense," Padilla said.

At Clinton National Airport in Little Rock, passengers and workers sheltered temporarily in bathrooms.

Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders declared a state of emergency and said there was "significant damage" in the central part of the state.

"Praying for all those who were and remain in the path of this storm," she wrote on Twitter. "Arkansans must continue to stay weather aware as storms are continuing to move through."

Wynne, about 50 miles west of Memphis, Tenn., saw "widespread damage" from a tornado, Sanders said.

City Councilmember Lisa Powell Carter told AP by phone that Wynne was without power and roads were full of debris.

"I'm in a panic trying to get home, but we can't get home," she said. "Wynne is so demolished. ... There's houses destroyed, trees down on streets."

Police Chief Richard Dennis told WHBQ-TV that the city suffered "total destruction" and multiple people were trapped.

Nearly 70,000 customers in Arkansas lost power, according to poweroutage.us, which tracks outages.

About 32,000 were without electricity in neighboring Oklahoma, where where wind gusts up to 60 mph fueled fast-moving grass fires. People were urged to evacuate homes in far northeast Oklahoma City, and troopers shut down portions of Interstate 35 near the suburb of Edmond.

More outages were reported in Kansas, Missouri and Texas.

Multiple tornadoes were reported moving through parts of eastern Iowa, with sporadic damage to homes, barns and other buildings.

One tornado veered just west of Iowa City, home to the University of Iowa, which canceled a watch party at an on-campus arena for the women's basketball Final Four game. Video from KCRG-TV showed toppled power poles and roofs ripped off an apartment building in the suburb of Coralville and significantly damaged homes in the city of Hills.

In Illinois, Ben Wagner, chief radar operator for the Woodford County Emergency Management Agency, said hail broke windows on cars and buildings in the area of Roanoke, northeast of Peoria.

Fire crews were battling several blazes near El Dorado, Kan., and some residents were asked to evacuate, including about 250 elementary school children who were relocated to a high school.

Massive storms brewing over at least 15 states in the Midwest and Southern U.S. on Friday had meteorologists urging people to brace for dangerous weather including tornadoes, saying the conditions are similar to those a week ago that unleashed a devastating twister that killed at least 21 people in Mississippi.

The National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center forecast called for an unusually large outbreak of thunderstorms with the potential for hail, damaging wind gusts and strong tornadoes that could move for long distances over the ground.

Such "intense supercell thunderstorms " are only expected to become more common, especially in Southern states, as temperatures rise around the world, scientists say.

At Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, a traffic management program was put into effect that caused arriving planes to be delayed by nearly two hours on average, WFLD-TV reported.

On March 24, the deadly Mississippi tornado injured dozens and flattened entire blocks as it carved a path of destruction for more than an hour. About 2,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, according to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

The toll was especially steep in western Mississippi's Sharkey County, where 13 people were killed in a county of 3,700 residents. Winds of up to 200 mph barreled through the rural farming town of Rolling Fork, reducing homes to piles of rubble, flipping cars and toppling the town's water tower.

Friday's atmospheric setup is similar to conditions that were present during Mississippi's storm, experts say.

The hazardous forecast is a result of strong southerly winds transporting copious amounts of moisture from the Gulf of Mexico north, where they will interact with the strengthening storm system.

The weather service is forecasting another batch of intense storms Tuesday in the same general area as last week.

At least the first 10 days of April will be rough, AccuWeather meteorologist Brandon Buckingham said earlier this week.

Associated Press writers Jill Bleed in Little Rock, Harm Venhuizenin in Madison, Wis., Isabella O'Malley in Philadelphia, Lisa Baumann in Bellingham, Wash., and Michael Goldberg in Jackson, Miss., contributed to this report.

Girl in Nashville shooting mourned

Child remembered as 'a constant beacon of joy' who loved being with sister and singing.

Associated Press

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EVELYN DIECKHAUS and two other 9-year-olds were shot at school.

NASHVILLE — Family and friends of Evelyn Dieckhaus, one of three children who were killed in a school shooting in Nashville this week, remembered her Friday as a "shining light" and said farewell to a girl who loved art, music, animals and snuggling with her older sister on the couch.

The funeral at the Woodmont Christian Church in Nashville's Green Hills neighborhood was closed to the media. Before the service, the church's senior minister, the Rev. Clay Stauffer, echoed what Evelyn's family has shared about her.

"She was a shining light. She was radiant," Stauffer told the Associated Press. "I think our challenge is to take her light and keep spreading it to a world that has so much darkness and pain."

Evelyn's was the first funeral held for the victims of Monday's mass shooting at the Covenant School, where authorities say a 28-year-old former student killed six people before being shot and killed by police.

The church is a couple of miles from the school and across the street from the Woodmont Baptist Church, which served as the reunification point for surviving children and their parents after the attack.

Dozens of people poured into the Woodmont Christian Church's main sanctuary for the service. Many of the women and girls wore pink dresses to honor the grieving family's request to dress in pink and green "in tribute to Evelyn's light and love of color."

With the pinkish-purple flowers of redbud trees blooming and mourners donning pastel colors, it looked as much like an Easter service as a funeral for a 9-year-old girl who brought joy and comfort to her loved ones.

The other two children who died in the attack, Hallie Scruggs and William Kinney, were also 9.

The three adults who were killed were the 60-year-old head of the school, Katherine Koonce, a 61-year-old custodian, Mike Hill, and Cynthia Peak, a 61-year-old substitute teacher.

In an obituary given to the AP by a family friend, Evelyn was described as "a constant beacon of joy" who loved crafting and drawing; playing with her dogs Mable and Birdie; singing along to tunes by Taylor Swift and from the Broadway show "Hamilton"; and hanging out with her beloved big sister, Eleanor.

Stauffer, the minister, said he has been trying to impress upon Evelyn's family, whom he described as "incredible people," that they're not going through this alone.

"We'll celebrate her life this afternoon, and then we'll continue to show up and to be there to love and support the family," he said.

That work started as soon as the ambulances, fire trucks and police cars went past his church on the day of the shooting. He went across the street to Woodmont Baptist to help reunite the frightened children and parents.

"It's been surreal and a nightmare that we are waiting to wake up from," Stauffer said. "It's been one of the hardest weeks you could imagine."

Fetterman leaves hospital after 6 weeks

Pennsylvania senator was treated for depression, which he says is 'in remission.'

Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Pennsylvania Sen. John Fetterman has left Walter Reed National Military Medical Center after six weeks of inpatient treatment for clinical depression, with plans to return to the Senate when the chamber resumes its session in mid-April, his office said Friday.

In a statement, Fetterman's office said he is back home in Braddock, in western Pennsylvania, with his depression "in remission," and gave details on his treatment — including that his illness was treated with medication and that he is wearing hearing aids.

It was the latest medical episode for Fetterman, who won last fall's most expensive Senate contest after suffering a stroke that he has said nearly killed him and from which he continues to recover.

Fetterman, who has a wife and three school-age children, said he is happy to be home.

"I'm excited to be the father and husband I want to be, and the senator Pennsylvania deserves. Pennsylvanians have always had my back, and I will always have theirs," Fetterman said. "I am extremely grateful to the incredible team at Walter Reed. The care they provided changed my life."

Fetterman will return to the Senate the week of April 17.

Doctors describe "remission" as when a patient responds to treatment so that they have returned to normal social function and they are indistinguishable from someone who has never had depression.

In an interview that will air on "CBS Sunday Morning," Fetterman said the symptoms gathered strength after he won the November election.

"The whole thing about depression," he said, "is that objectively you may have won, but depression can absolutely convince you that you actually lost, and that's exactly what happened and that was the start of a downward spiral."

He said he "had stopped leaving my bed, I'd stopped eating, I was dropping weight, I'd stopped engaging in some of the most — things that I love in my life."

Fetterman checked into Walter Reed on Feb. 15, after weeks of what aides described as the senator being withdrawn and uninterested in eating, discussing work or the usual banter with staff.

At the time, Fetterman, 53, was barely a month into his service in Washington and still recovering from the effects of the stroke he suffered in May when he went to Walter Reed on the advice of the Capitol physician, Dr. Brian P. Monahan.

Post-stroke depression is common and treatable through medical and talk therapy, doctors say.

Fetterman's return will be welcome news for Democrats, who have struggled to find votes for some nominations without him.

Fetterman had the stroke as he was campaigning in a three-way Democratic primary race. He had surgery to implant a pacemaker with a defibrillator to manage two heart conditions, atrial fibrillation and cardiomyopathy.

One of Fetterman's main effects from the stroke is auditory processing disorder, which can render someone unable to speak fluidly and quickly process spoken conversation into meaning.

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House GOP rallies following indictment

Lawmakers ramp up criticism of Dist. Atty. Alvin Bragg, seeking to portray Trump's charges as political.

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FORMER President Trump's allies include Reps. James Comer (R-Ky.), left, Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) and Jim Jordan (R-Ohio).

WASHINGTON — Dozens of House Republicans rallied to Donald Trump's defense Friday, a day after he became the first former president in U.S. history to be criminally prosecuted and following weeks of contentious letters traded between Capitol Hill and the Manhattan district attorney's office.

News of the indictment landed late Thursday as members of Congress were headed to their home states and districts to kick off a two-week recess. Trump is facing charges related to an alleged hush-money payment to porn actor Stormy Daniels made by Michael Cohen, the former president's attorney, as the 2016 campaign was coming to a close.

House Republicans swiftly emerged as a key line of political defense for Trump, who is expected to be arraigned Tuesday, according to news reports. They have sought to portray Manhattan Dist. Atty. Alvin Bragg as a far-left Democrat who has been soft on crime in his state while pursuing an unprecedented prosecution of a former president.

GOP members have repeatedly characterized the indictment as a politicized effort to stop Trump from ousting President Biden in 2024.

"They're terrified that they can't legitimately beat Trump," Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-Ga.) tweeted Friday morning. "So they're desperately trying to abuse and misapply the law ... again. This is a dark moment in American history — but we won't let them get away with it."

By early Friday, the pro-Trump Make America Great Again PAC sent an email highlighting "responses from prominent Republicans and conservatives to Thursday's indictment news." Of the 53 statements listed, 27 cited House Republicans. Republicans in the House outnumber Senate Republicans and GOP governors, and the House Republican conference is where Trump has the most influence — he remains a revered figure in most GOP members' districts.

According to CNN, Trump phoned members Thursday night "to shore up support." He spent much of Friday promoting his defenders' television hits on his social media platform, Truth Social.

A Times analysis of Twitter posts found that at least 56 House Republicans tweeted or retweeted between midnight and 6 p.m. Eastern time on Friday some combination of support for Trump and criticism of Bragg and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Thursday statement that the former president "has the right to a trial to prove innocence" — rather than the presumption of "innocent until proven guilty" — as well as promoting of interviews on conservative networks such as Fox News and Newsmax.

In addition to publicizing the full-throated defense from his allies and surrogates, Trump defended himself on Truth Social, making unfounded claims about his indictment.

"They have closely studied 11,000,000 pages of documents, financial records, and tax returns (some gotten illegally!), billions of dollars worth of deals and transactions, and they've got nothing," Trump wrote in all-caps. "After 8 years of various politically motivated investigations, hoaxes, scams, and witch hunts, this must make me the most honest and honorable man anywhere in the world. Nobody in history has been through the scrutiny that I have. Make America Great Again!!!"

Back on Twitter, Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) and the panel he chairs, the House Judiciary Committee, were among Trump's most prominent and vocal advocates. Responding to Pelosi's statement about Trump's right to prove his innocence, Jordan tweeted that "it's scary" Democrats think that way and attempted to paint Bragg as a partisan who selectively targets Republicans, asking whether the prosecutor was "looking into Hunter Biden's art sales and business records in New York City."

The committee tweeted: "Record crime. Record grocery prices. Record illegal immigration. What are Joe Biden's Democrat friends focused on? Indicting President Trump."

Other House Republicans claimed that targeting Trump was just the beginning, with at least a couple members likening America to China or Russia.

"Vladimir Putin has nothing on Alvin Bragg," Rep. Andy Harris (R-Md.) said.

Though the indictment isn't likely to be unsealed until Tuesday, Rep. Mike D. Rogers (R-Ala.) called it "nothing more than a fraught attempt by the far left to weaponize the American justice system & do Joe Biden's political dirty work in the courtroom." He added that Bragg "should stop making a mockery of the" Constitution and "resign immediately."

The Times reached out to nearly a dozen Republicans on the Judiciary and Oversight committees. Most offices didn't respond to a request for comment.

When asked for comment, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) — who on her personal Twitter account Friday vowed to "protest the unconstitutional WITCH HUNT" in New York on Tuesday — told The Times through a spokesperson that Bragg "made a very dangerous, and, in my opinion, illegal mistake."

"In the end he will be the one that looks like a fool because President Trump will be able to beat this indictment in court," she said. "It's easy to get a grand jury to give an indictment, but it's a whole other matter to get a guilty verdict in court that Bragg will not get."

In a six-page document Friday morning, Bragg's office told Chairmen Jordan of the Judiciary Committee, Bryan Steil (R-Wis.) of the House Administration Committee and James Comer (R-Ky.) of the Oversight Committee that the New York grand jury "found probable cause to accuse Mr. Trump of having committed crimes" and noted that the ex-president is entitled to due process.

"What neither Mr. Trump nor Congress may do is interfere with the ordinary course of proceedings in New York State," wrote General Counsel Leslie Dubeck of the Manhattan district attorney's office.

Jordan's, Steil's and Comer's committees last month requested communications and documents from the district attorney's office, as well as a transcribed interview with Bragg.' The panels reiterated their requests last week.

In Friday's response, Dubeck argued that the first letter from the committee chairmen "made an unprecedented request" for confidential information while the second "asserts that, by failing to provide [that information], the District Attorney somehow failed to dispute your baseless and inflammatory allegations that our investigation is politically motivated. That conclusion is misleading and meritless."

His letter concludes: "We trust that you will make a good-faith effort to reach a negotiated resolution before taking the unprecedented and unconstitutional step of serving a subpoena on a district attorney for information related to an ongoing state criminal prosecution."

The committees did not respond to requests for comment from The Times.

On Thursday, the House Judiciary GOP Twitter account quote-tweeted a post from a Fox News congressional reporter who said, citing House Republican sources, that the congressional committee chairs probing Bragg "will take a step back until [Trump] is arraigned."

"Fake News," the committee's account said.

Republicans have made a devil's bargain with Trump

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Rebecca Blackwell Associated Press

SUPPORTERS of former President Trump rally outside his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida on Friday, the day after he was indicted by a Manhattan grand jury.

[**Analysis,** from A1]

denouncing Bragg, calling on supporters to protest the possibility of charges and demanding that the rest of the party — including potential rivals — rally around him.

As he's done that, his standing among Republican voters appears to have risen; about half of potential Republican primary voters said before the indictment that they would support him, according to the tracking survey conducted by Morning Consult, a polling and research firm.

In mid-January, when Trump's standing was lower than it is today, GOP pollster Whit Ayres surveyed Republican voters and found that about 1 in 4 identified more as supporters of Trump than as supporters of the party.

Trump's base includes that group and another slice of Republicans who identify as supporters of the GOP but are fully committed to the former president.

Together, they add up to about one-third of the party, Ayres estimated.

Those voters are "ride or die with Trump," Republican strategist Sarah Longwell told me in a recent interview.

The larger share — the "maybe Trumpers," as Ayres calls them, make up 55%-60% of the party.

"They're exactly the kind of people who will want to know if this is a credible case or a trumped-up vendetta by a liberal New York, Democratic prosecutor who is out to get Trump," Ayres said.

The good news for Trump's rivals is that those voters, plus the roughly 10% of Republicans who are firmly opposed to Trump, are enough to swing the nomination — if they consolidate behind an alternate candidate. The bad news for them is that the indictment will make communicating any message to voters more difficult.

In the immediate aftermath of the indictment, the short-term impact on the campaign was clear: It quickly became the only topic in Republican politics as rival candidates and other GOP figures fell into line behind Trump.

Former Vice President Mike Pence called the prosecution an "outrage"; Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis pledged that his state would not participate in extraditing Trump to New York — a meaningless statement, as the governor, a lawyer, surely knows. Fox News commentator Tucker Carlson denounced Trump's indictment as "an effort to take him out of the political race."

"That's always the problem in a campaign with Trump," said Ayres, who has often criticized the former president. "No one is better at keeping attention focused on himself."

One of Trump's great skills as a politician is that ability to seize the spotlight. He used it throughout the 2016 primaries, saying things that many traditional Republican officials, journalists and analysts saw as self-destructive gaffes but kept eyes turned his way.

The result was to blunt the ability of rival candidates to convey a consistent message to voters: At any moment, they knew, their carefully crafted plans could be blown up by a Trump tweet.

Trump's current rivals face much the same problem, and the indictment compounds it. Rather than talking about their preferred issues, the candidates will face weeks, perhaps months, in which Trump and his allies will be demanding that they talk about him and what they're doing to fight his prosecutorial enemies.

That's just the start of the complications the party will face.

Trump's supporters hope the charges against him will be thrown out swiftly — perhaps on the grounds that the alleged crimes happened too long ago to be prosecuted. That could happen; there are legal arguments that the statute of limitations has run out on offenses Trump may have committed in connection with the payments to porn star Stormy Daniels.

If the case were to be dismissed, Trump would surely claim it as an exoneration, which probably would boost him in the eyes of Republican voters and perhaps others.

But it's at least equally likely that the legal proceedings against Trump could last well into the primary season and beyond.

Consider that the same district attorney's office in July 2021 indicted Trump's company on tax fraud charges, along with its longtime chief financial officer, Allen Weisselberg. The case — minus Weisselberg, who pleaded guilty — went to trial more than a year later, in November 2022, and lasted about a month, ending with the Trump Organization being convicted on 17 counts of fraud and other crimes for which the company was fined $1.6 million in January.

If the current case follows a similar timeline, it will go to trial in the summer of 2024 — around the time Republicans are scheduled to hold their convention, in mid-July in Milwaukee.

Long before a trial, every step of the campaign process — the timing of debates, for example — will be complicated by court schedules for as long as the case lasts.

And this may be just the beginning; Trump faces at least three other active criminal investigations. A grand jury in Georgia is hearing evidence on his efforts to overturn the 2020 election results in that state, and there are two federal investigations being handled by Justice Department special counsel Jack Smith: one into Trump's involvement with the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol and one into his handling of government documents, many of them classified, that he kept at his Mar-a-Lago estate.

The Georgia case appears to be close to a decision on an indictment, while the federal cases seem unlikely to finish for several months.

No one should expect a big swing in public opinion on Trump — Americans have had decades to form their opinions of him, and most of those are firmly held. But to win a general election, Trump needs to do better than he did in 2020. An indictment — let alone several — is extremely unlikely to help. A survey released Wednesday by the well-regarded Quinnipiac University Poll found that a majority of Americans, 57%, said criminal charges should disqualify Trump from running. That almost surely does not mean such a large share of the public would vote against him if he were the Republican nominee, but it's an indicator of what should be obvious: A criminal indictment is not a plus.

And if Trump loses the nomination in a primary campaign overshadowed by what his supporters see as an illegitimate political prosecution, he would be even less likely to accept defeat and fully back the Republican nominee. Trump sitting in Mar-a-Lago fuming about a stolen nomination would be almost a sure recipe for a GOP defeat.

Ever since Trump captured the Republican nomination in 2016, party leaders have reaped the benefit of an alliance with him that brought them tens of millions of additional voters. All the while, they tried as much as possible to stay mum about his misconduct — known and suspected — and hoped that good fortune would forever forestall a reckoning.

That was always a losing bet. Thursday's indictment suggests it could be a costly one as well.

For some, storms cleared path to recovery

[**Rains,** from A1]

bed has reshaped waves, even slightly increasing the chance they might catch a tasty little “barrel.”

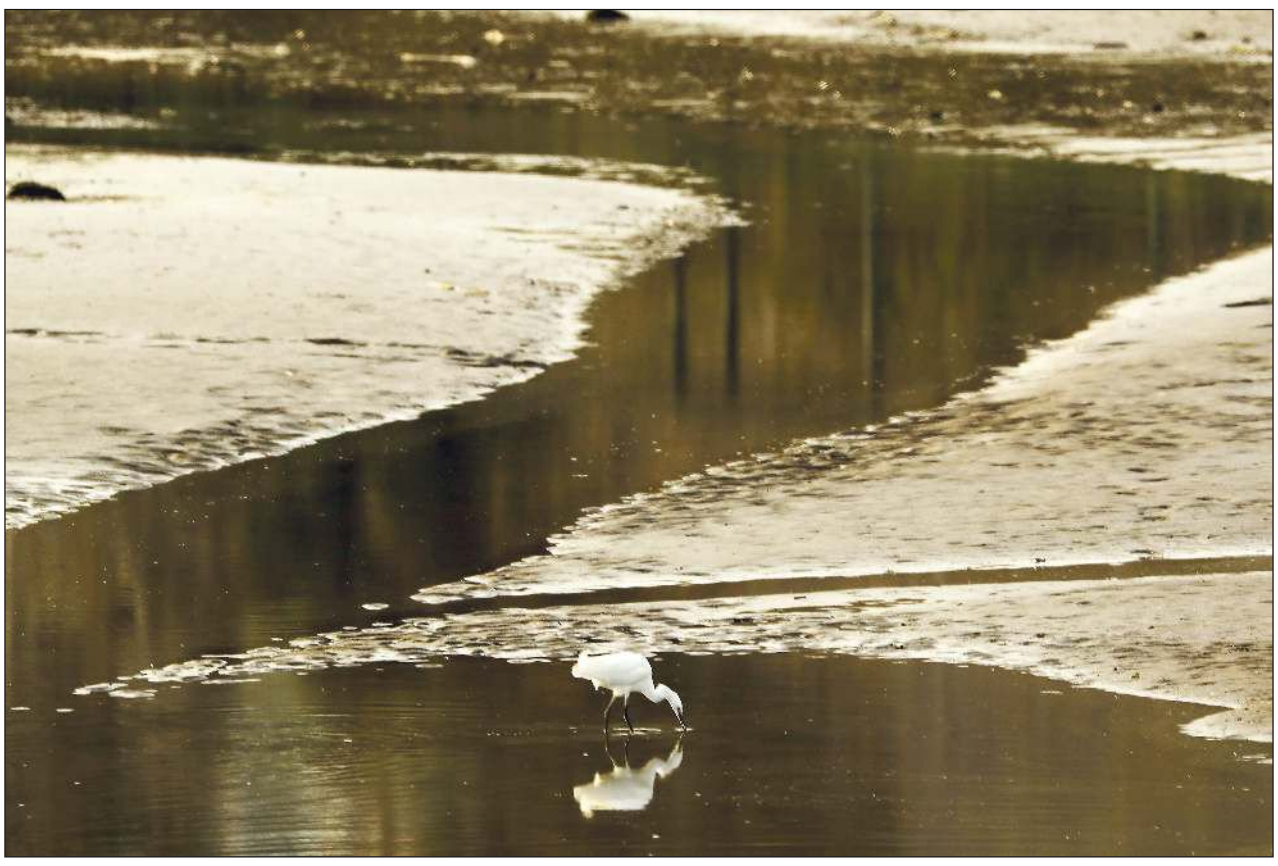
Dagit uses words like “fabulous” and “spectacular” to describe the scenes of rebirth and replenishment along watersheds that feed into Santa Monica Bay. It’s a sentiment of wonder and relief repeated around much of California in recent weeks, as the wettest winter in recent memory has given way to a damp spring.

The precipitation that has all but ended the state’s three-year drought has, without doubt, brought devastation to some areas, resulting in catastrophic flooding, mudslides and snowfall that cost some Californians their homes, their jobs, even their lives.

But in many corners of the state that have avoided calamity, super-wet 2023 has been a boon.

The largest reservoirs are filled to near capacity. Groundwater has begun to recharge after years of overpumping. Hillsides have exploded with a profusion of California poppies, sky-blue lupine and other wildflowers. Moisture-starved trees, including the state’s signature pines and mighty oaks, appear on the rebound.

And the air in Southern California doesn’t just feel cleaner, it *is* cleaner: The first 86 days of the year have produced less pollution than any time since fine particulate monitoring began in 1999, said the South Coast Air Quality Management District.



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SCENES of rebirth and replenishment have been evident along watersheds that feed into Santa Monica Bay after one of California’s wettest winters on record. Above, an egret forages in Malibu Lagoon at low tide.

“I just had a sense of relief — absolute relief and joy — that all the trees in this state would be watered,” said Janet Cobb, executive officer of the California Wildlife Foundation/California Oaks. “Especially in rural areas, where the water table has been so depleted, they have finally had a big drink!”

And where oaks are happy, so is other wildlife. Research has found that more than two-thirds of California’s drinking water supply is stored in oak woodlands. Nearly three dozen vertebrate species rely on oak habitats, many feeding on acorns dropped by the trees.

A late-March walk in the hills east of Berkeley revealed that oaks, only recently a steely gray, have turned sharply green; even the lichen covering their bark appeared refreshed in the morning mist.

Cobb rhapsodized about the “clearing of the air” and the acidic smell of damp oaks.

“It makes a wonderful fragrance. It’s something you can’t replicate,” said Cobb, whose organization focuses on preserving oak woodlands. “They make a significant contribution to our way of being. It’s soul-enriching.”

The southern steelhead trout that Dagit has worked for decades to bolster is not the only fish benefiting from this year’s repeated rains. The runoff has delivered a massive load of plants and other nutrients to creeks, rivers and lakes. It has also eased the watery treks to and from spawning grounds.

In Lake County, just north of the San Francisco Bay Area, water had been so sparse in mammoth Clear Lake that the population of hitch — an elongated, silvery minnow that once served as a primary food source for the Pomo tribe, as well as area fish and wildlife — had dwindled to dangerously low levels.

Tributaries into what is the largest natural lake in California ran so dry last summer that state Fish and Wildlife officials rescued several hundred hitch that became stranded in ponds above the lake. An annual summer survey of Clear Lake, which normally records hundreds of hitch, netted just four adults and two juveniles last summer, said Luis Santana, a fisheries biologist with the Pomo tribe’s Robinson Rancheria. But following the rains, hitch can again be seen spawning in Clear Lake creeks.

“These storms do bring water to the lake and to the creeks, and that is a very good thing,” Santana said.

The path for spawning salmon also will be eased by the surfeit of water.

“When we’re in drought, it makes it very difficult for fish to move upstream and also for juvenile salmon trying to get back to the ocean,” said Ted Grantham, a freshwater ecologist and hydrologist with UC Berkeley’s Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management. “All this water should smooth their way.”

High rivers have also created more overflows into natural and human-made floodplains. The water soaks up nutrients, enriching the waterways.

“That creates perfect conditions for a lot of wildlife, including for fish growth,” Grantham said. “Salmon can get fat before moving out to the ocean, and that means they are much healthier and have a better chance for survival.

“I do feel a sense of relief,” he added. “These ecosystems are adaptive and attuned to these sort of events. They have regenerative properties.”

Migratory geese, ducks and other birds that ply the Pacific Flyway between Canada and points south are sharing in the reprieve.

The drought had substantially reduced wetland acres along the flyway in recent years. Biologists and hunters reported thin and malnourished birds along the crucial north-south migratory route.

But already this year, the complex of wetlands along the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge has been promised a full allocation of water from state reservoirs. And 100,000 acres of surrounding farmland are expected to resume rice cultivation, adding immensely to the forage for migrating birds.

The additional water will allow birds to spread out along the flyway, reducing the spread of avian influenza and cholera, said Craig Isola, deputy project leader in the wildlife refuge complex. More vegetation along the wetlands means better nesting for mallards, northern harrier hawks and other species.

“We are able to put more fresh, oxygenated water through the wetlands, and that just means a healthier ecosystem all around,” said Isola, pointing out a bald eagle preening atop a cottonwood tree.

For farmers in the Sacramento Valley, the Central Valley’s largely rural northern half, the wait for sufficient crop water seemed endless. In Glenn and Colusa counties, standard cultivation of about 100,000 acres of rice fell to just 1,000 acres last year.

“I never thought we would see a day where we had essentially zero rice,” said Fritz Durst, a sixth-generation grain farmer in the valley. “We got a little bit of water, but it wasn’t a reliable enough source to make an investment in the crop.”

Fellow farmer Don Bransford concurred: “It wasn’t a fire, like you had up in Paradise, or it wasn’t a flood. It was an invisible disaster, and the only real visual was bare ground.”

When the first storms of 2023 inundated other parts of the state, the Sacramento Valley got much less moisture. Shasta Lake, the state’s largest reservoir, remained well below capacity.

“We thought, ‘Oh no, not again,’ ” said Lewis Bair, general manager of an irrigation and flood control district serving Colusa and Yolo counties.

Then, as one storm piled on another, “luckily, everything changed,” Bair said.

Jerry Cleek, a nut farmer whose family has been in the region since the 1860s, said, “The ground is getting saturated, the reservoirs are filling up and, in terms of the water, we haven’t had any damage to speak of. It’s a good feeling.”

Back at Topanga, nearly 500 miles to the south, Dagit and other ecologists have big plans, including reconstruction of a Pacific Coast Highway bridge to give Topanga Creek an easier path to the sea. She called the steelhead a “Field of Dreams” creature: Build a more accessible waterway, and they will come.

“They’re really a keystone species,” Dagit said. “So if we make it good for steelhead, we make it good for everything else that needs to live in and around the creek, and we make good water quality for all those people going to the beach.”

Day of Visibility rallies support transgender rights

By Wilson Ring

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Thousands of people rallied across the country Friday as part of a Transgender Day of Visibility in support of the rights of transgender people and their resilience amid what many denounced as an increasingly hostile environment.

Supporters converged on statehouses nationwide, at the Capitol Reflecting Pool in Washington, D.C., and as far away as Mexico City to mark a day of international unity first proclaimed more than a decade ago.

Chanting, “We’re here, we’re queer, get used to it!” many at the Statehouse in Montpelier, Vt., draped themselves in pride flags or carried posters with messages such as “Yay gay” or “Protect trans kids.”

Transgender youth stood in front of the Vermont crowd and spoke of the lack of support for their gender identity and sexuality.

Charlie Draughn, a 17-year-old from Chisago City, Minn., who attends a boarding school in Vermont, said he was angry that groups are trying to control his life and turn him into a political pawn. “My life is not your debate,” he said. “It is not a political issue. I am not hurting anyone and I am certainly not hurting myself.”

The rallies came as Republican lawmakers nationwide have pursued hundreds of proposals this year to push back on LGBTQ rights, particularly those of transgender residents, including banning transgender girls from girls’ sports, keeping transgender people from using restrooms in line with their gender identities and requiring schools to “deadname” transgender students — mandating they be identified by the names they were given at birth.

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JAMIYAH MORRISON, left, has her makeup touched up by Niaomi Moshier at a D.C. rally Friday.

“We’re not a new idea. We’re not a new group,” said Penelope Torres, who traveled from Chicago to Washington, D.C., where more than 1,000 people marched from Union Station to the reflecting pool. “We have always been here, we’ve always been part of the communities, and it’s time to start recognizing that and to give us equal protections.”

At least 11 states have enacted laws restricting or banning gender-affirming care for minors: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, Utah, South Dakota and West Virginia. Federal judges have blocked enforcement of laws in Alabama and Arkansas, and nearly two dozen states are considering bills this year to restrict or ban care.

On Friday, President Biden issued a statement supporting Transgender Day of Visibility and reaffirming that transgender Americans deserve to be safe and supported in every community. He denounced what he called hundreds of hateful and extreme state laws that target transgender kids and their families.

”Let me be clear: These attacks are un-American and must end,” Biden said. “The bullying, discrimination, and political attacks that trans kids face have exacerbated our national mental health crisis.”

Draped in pride flags and carrying signs outside the Alabama capital of Montgomery, about 100 mostly young people marched around the Statehouse where lawmakers last year approved the nation’s first law making it a felony to provide gender-affirming drugs to transgender minors.

Rhydian Gonzalez, an 18-year-old high school student at Magic City Acceptance Academy, founded as a school that welcomes LGBTQ students, said anti-transgender bills don’t help anyone.

“Transitioning saved my life and so many others and I think it’s so important that people understand that,” said Gonzalez, who began socially transitioning at 14 and began testosterone treatment at 16. “Without it I don’t think I would be here.”

In Connecticut, Democratic Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, state lawmakers, transgender advocates and others cheered as the transgender pride flag was raised over the state Capitol in Hartford for the first time.

State Rep. Dominique Johnson, who identifies as gender nonconforming, likened the day to the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City. “We stand on the shoulders of our elders, and we want the next generation to stand on our shoulders,” Johnson said.

In Montana, supporters gathered in the state Capitol in Helena in support of the transgender, nonbinary and Two-Spirit community, two days after Montana’s Legislature gave final passage to a bill that would ban gender-affirming medical care for transgender minors. The governor has not said whether he will sign the bill.

Remi Still Smoking, 17, said that bill and another that would define sex in state law as only male or female are “degrading.” Transgenderism is not a fad, or something new, said Still Smoking, who is Native American.

“I don’t want to go back to the closet,” Still Smoking said. “I am happy how I am and I want people to understand that.”

Outside the South Carolina Statehouse in Columbia, bubbles filled the spring air as Greg Green, the executive director of Transgender Awareness Alliance, hugged people as they arrived.

For Green, the day was about showing people who don’t feel safe coming out that their identity is still valid.

“I’m visible to show those who aren’t that it’s OK to be yourself right where you are,” said Green, a former police officer whose organization trained voluntary marshals to help monitor safety at the celebration.

“This year it’s a bit scarier because there’s such an intense effort to erase trans folks and our community.”

International Transgender Day of Visibility was created in 2010 by an advocate who decried that most media coverage focused on anti-transgender violence rather than the positive contributions to society made by transgender people, according to advocacy group GLAAD. Advocates say it’s important to improve transgender visibility because many voters and policymakers take actions that affect transgender people’s lives without knowing a transgender person.

Aspen Overy, 19, of Burlington, Vt., who came out as transgender a couple of years ago, said they attended the Montpelier rally to show support for other trans people.

“I think there’s this myth of Vermont as like this lovely, perfect little state,” Overy said. “But as many of the trans kids said today ... those kids still frequently face so much hatred and discrimination for being, for living their lives, and that’s not OK.”

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Norfolk Southern faces U.S. suit over Ohio derailment

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The federal government has filed a lawsuit against Norfolk Southern railroad over environmental damage caused by a train derailment on the Ohio-Pennsylvania border that spilled hazardous chemicals into nearby creeks and rivers.

The U.S. Department of Justice said it was seeking to hold the company accountable for “unlawfully polluting the nation’s waterways and to ensure it pays the full cost of the environmental cleanup.” The lawsuit was filed Thursday.

It asks for fines to be imposed under the Clean Water Act and for a judgment to hold the railroad accountable for past and future costs.

The derailment in early February led to the evacuation of half of the 5,000 residents of East Palestine, Ohio, when responders intentionally burned toxic chemicals in some of the derailed cars to prevent an uncontrolled explosion.

Chemicals from the derailed cars and firefighting foam seeped into creeks and rivers near the village, with some eventually ending up in the Ohio River.

Government officials say tests haven’t found dangerous levels of chemicals in the air or water in the area, but many residents remain concerned about their long-term health.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources said three weeks after the disaster that the spilled contaminants killed an estimated 44,000 fish, mostly small ones such as minnows.

Norfolk Southern Chief Executive Alan Shaw has repeatedly apologized for the effects of the derailment, and the company has pledged to pay for the cleanup. The railroad has promised more than $20 million to help the Ohio community recover while also announcing voluntary safety upgrades.

Connor Spielmaker, a spokesperson for Norfolk Southern, said the company was focused on the cleanup and was working under the direction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

“Our job right now is to make progress every day cleaning up the site, assisting residents whose lives were impacted by the derailment, and investing in the future of East Palestine and the surrounding areas,” he said in a statement.

Ohio filed a lawsuit against Norfolk Southern a little more than two weeks ago to make sure that it pays for the cleanup and environmental damage.

No clear picture of immunity in U.S.

[**Immunity,** from A1]
peak just over a year ago.

But that's just "a snapshot in time," said Dr. Cody Meissner, a Dartmouth College pediatric infectious disease physician who's on the FDA's advisory panel for vaccines. The coronavirus' knack for surprises makes scientists wish they understood COVID-19 immunity well enough to anticipate its next move.

Scientists have one measure of immunity that's backed by decades of research: counting antibodies. It's easy and inexpensive to do with lab tests that are readily available.

Toting up the immune proteins that form in the wake of vaccination or infection is one way to assess how quickly a person could be expected to block or clear an infection. The more antibodies, the more thorough their protections.

For insights into the nation's immunity as a whole, scientists measure coronavirus antibodies in large groups of people, such as patients who had blood drawn for routine laboratory tests or volunteers who made donations to blood banks.

These seroprevalence surveys have shown that by June 2022, 94% of American adults — and roughly as many children — had been vaccinated, infected or both.

For a while, officials hoped high levels of antibodies would drive the virus out of circulation altogether. Once enough Americans were vaccinated, the reasoning went, antibodies would block so many infections that the coronavirus would just die out for lack of new victims to infect.

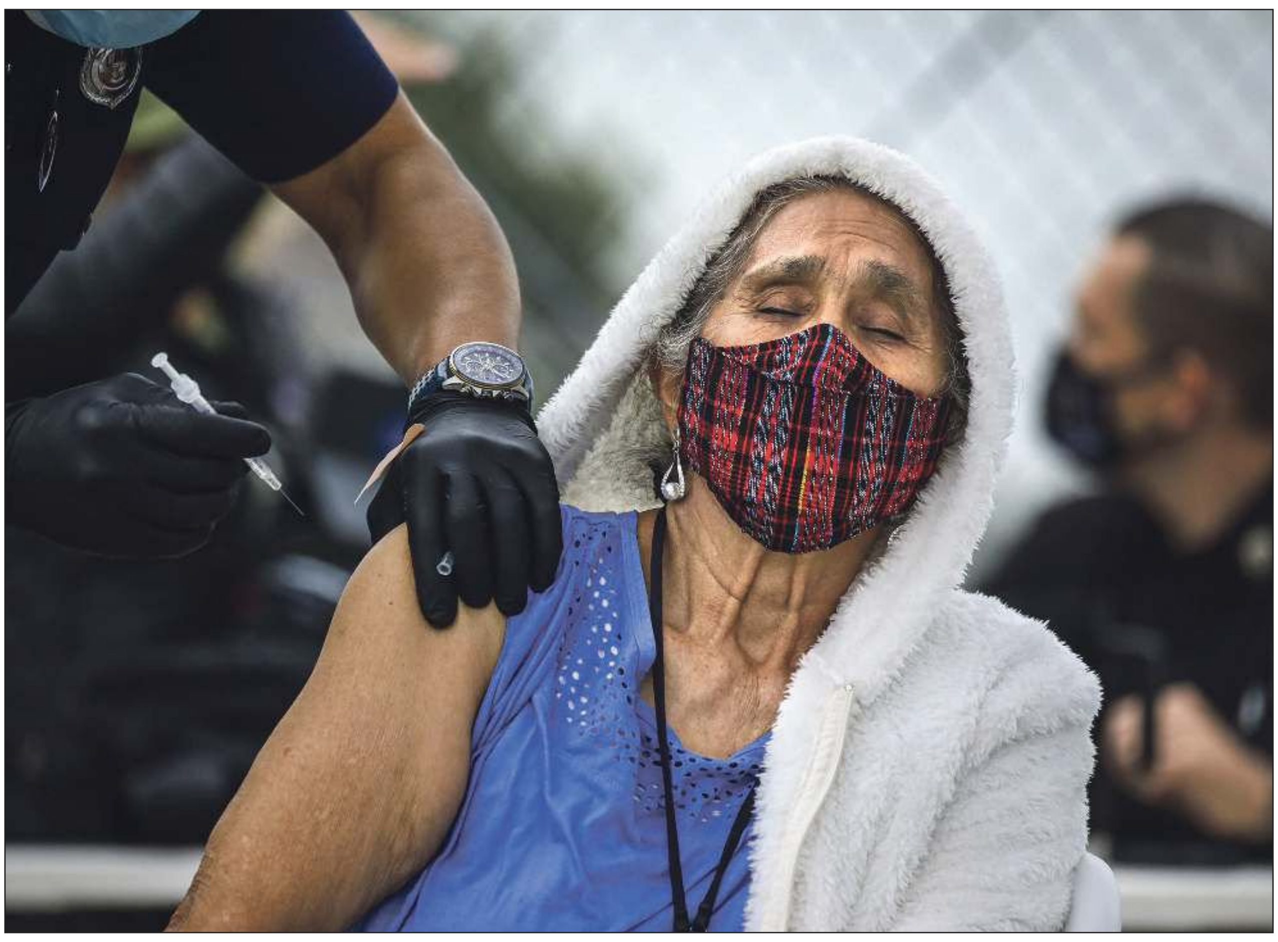
But as the pandemic unfolded, hopes of reaching this state of "herd immunity" were dashed.

All virus-specific antibodies "decay" with time, leaving behind a template to make more when needed. But that renewal process takes time, and the Delta and Omicron variants proved adept at establishing infections before the body's defenses were in place.

Over time, it became clear that antibodies alone weren't telling the whole story of Americans' immunity. People who'd been vaccinated or previously infected were coming down with COVID-19. But they weren't becoming severely ill or dying at nearly the same rate as people who had no immune protection. Some other process was at work.

That unseen mechanism was what scientists call cellular immunity, and its foot soldiers are T cells.

Dr. Dan H. Barouch, an immunologist at Harvard, calls T cells "the unsung heroes" of the immune system. They do the close-in work of hunting down and killing cells that have been invaded and hijacked by the coronavirus.



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MARIA CASTILLO receives a COVID-19 vaccine in Los Angeles in February 2021. As the nation declares an end to the pandemic emergency, one vaccine expert questions the value of repeated booster shots.

Cellular immunity is widely credited with staving off the worst ravages of COVID-19. Even for some whose weakened immune systems mounted an anemic antibody response to vaccination, cellular immunity can kick in robustly and protect against death.

As new mutations helped the coronavirus evade antibodies, T-cell responses seemed to remain strong in the face of new variants, including the many varieties of Omicron.

There's also encouraging evidence that this cellular immunity is long-lasting. Scientists have confirmed strong T-cell responses a year after SARS-CoV-2 infection and at least six months after vaccination.

What's more, patients who were infected with the SARS-CoV coronavirus — a close relative to the pandemic virus that was responsible for the 2003 outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome — have shown signs of T-cell immunity 17 years later.

All this has made University of Pennsylvania vaccine expert Dr. Paul Offit question the value of repeated booster shots as a means of maintaining Americans' protection against COVID-19.

Evidence has mounted that most Americans' immunity now relies more on T cells than it does on propping up antibody levels, Offit said. As a result, the U.S. government's strategy of repeated vaccine booster shots is probably unnecessary for all except patients with weakened immune systems, he added.

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THE EXPERT said boosters probably are needed only for patients with weakened immune systems.

Offit acknowledged that each jab increases antibody levels. But it's not clear that those additional antibodies reduce the likelihood of severe illness or death, which by now should be the definition of "protected," he said.

Meissner goes further.

"This virus is like the wind — you can't stop the wind," he said. "It's going to continue to mutate and become more infectious. But as long as we can protect against severe disease at this stage of the pandemic, I can live with that."

At a recent meeting called by the FDA to consider vaccine strategies going forward, Offit, Meissner and others challenged the agency to make clear what the shots are meant to accomplish, and what metric it will use to judge them.

"We need to define what we want from this vaccine," Offit said at the meeting. If it's to protect against severe disease and death, "T cells are important."

Unfortunately, the status of a person's cellular immunity is more difficult to capture and quantify. There are tests that measure these immune cells, but they're neither cheap nor simple to perform.

The denizens of the cellular immune system are a diverse lot whose functions shift with time and circumstances. Key details about how this complex system responds to the coronavirus still elude scientists, Meissner said.

"We don't know which of those T cells are integral in protecting against a respiratory virus," he said. "So it isn't easy to look at T cells and ask if we have sufficient numbers of them to protect."

There are tests that capture cellular immunity, but they're very expensive to run. Most require a large volume of a person's blood, special chemical reagents and complex manipulation to produce results. Many demand highly skilled lab workers or extensive computational resources to yield useful data.

As a result, they're used sparingly in the treatment of patients. And they're never used to test broad populations.

If a lab test were able to measure cellular immunity as easily as antibodies, "that would spread like wildfire, because everyone is searching for one," Meissner said.

Such a test could not only assess whether a person needed a booster shot but also spur a return to public health measures such as social distancing and masking. If T-cell protections have fallen across populations, it might even alert vaccine makers that they need to update the composition of vaccines to better match the circulating strain.

One such test may be a start.

In August, the European Medicines Agency gave its blessing to a commercial assay that offers a simple way for scientists and public health officials to measure T-cell immunity.

The test's advertised use is to give immunocompromised patients a reading on whether they're at high risk of becoming severely ill or dying if they catch the coronavirus. But public health officials in Spain used it to assess the immunity of Madrid's residents after most had received a vaccine and multiple waves of COVID-19 had swept through the city.

For 40 consecutive days, phlebotomists collected 100 blood samples a day. Each night, the samples were processed by a single lab technician working with a PCR machine, a standard fixture in virtually any commercial testing lab. The results provide a yes/no answer to the question of whether there is a cellular immune response to the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

"Even my 12-year-old son can perform the test," said Jordi Ochando, an immunologist at Mount Sinai's Icahn School of Medicine in New York who oversaw the Madrid survey. The results can be available within a day of blood collection and instantly uploaded for analysis, sharing and storage, he added.

Ochando quickly got his answer: At an average of 10 months post-vaccination, 90.2% of the tested population still showed a cellular immune response to the pandemic virus.

The test, devised by the British biotech company Hyris, is far from exhaustive. It doesn't do a T-cell count or survey their strength or diversity, as some lab tests do. And instead of detecting the cellular immune system's response, it looks for a genetic signal that reveals such activation.

But it is easy, and cheap to use. In Europe, the per-person cost is "on a par with a standard PCR test" for COVID-19, said Hyris founder and Chief Executive Stefano Lo Priore.

"It's *a* way — the only scalable way we have now — to quantify cellular immunity," said Ernesto Guccione, a Mount Sinai immunology researcher who helped design the test and has a patent pending.

Such a test could make it affordable to gauge cellular immunity in residents of a boarding school, a nursing home or a city, Lo Priore said. The results could help officials decide whether to drop or reinstate public health measures such as indoor mask mandates, or guide the timing of booster shots.

In time, Guccione said, the test could be used alongside other assays to reveal more about how T cells protect and for how long. It must pass muster with the FDA before it can be marketed in the United States, a process for which the company is currently preparing.

Guccione and Ochando have their sights next on measuring the T-cell immunity of New York City, which has repeatedly been the pandemic's epicenter in the United States.

Los Angeles could come next, Ochando said.

About this series: This is the fifth in an occasional series of stories about the transition out of the COVID-19 pandemic and how life in the U.S. will be changed in its wake.

With plea, prosecutors win one conviction in 'Rust' case

[**'Rust,'** from A1]
they were shot. Torraco has maintained that despite Halls' role as on-set safety coordinator, he was not responsible for the actions of others.

"He, like many others, is extremely traumatized and just rattled with guilt and so many other feelings of: What could I have done better? How could I have changed things?" Torraco told the judge.

The conviction may provide a boost for the beleaguered prosecution team, which has suffered numerous setbacks since charging Baldwin and armorer Hannah Gutierrez Reed with two counts of involuntary manslaughter two months ago. Both have entered not guilty pleas.

Santa Fe's top prosecutor — 1st Judicial Dist. Atty. Mary Carmack-Altwies — stepped down this week after Gutierrez Reed's lawyers challenged her involvement. They argued that the law did not allow the D.A. to participate while a special prosecutor also served on the case.

Carmack-Altwies earlier in the week told the judge that she needed assistance from a special prosecutor because her office has been struggling with a high number of attorney vacancies. Sommer rejected Carmack-Altwies' attempt to stay involved while handing off some duties.

Friday's virtual court hearing marked the first appearance by the new special prosecutor in the case, Kari T. Morrissey, an Albuquerque litigator who stepped into the sprawling criminal proceedings on Wednesday. She and her law partner, Jason Lewis, replaced Carmack-Altwies.

"This case has taken some interesting turns," Joshua Kastenberg, a law professor at the University of New Mexico, said this week in an interview. "It shouldn't be a problem with these two new attorneys picking up the case ... and it might help the prosecution overcome some of the image problems — the stains from earlier mistakes."

Carmack-Altwies was the second ranking prosecutor to resign from the case.

Baldwin's attorneys had protested the involvement of special prosecutor Andrea Reeb because she also is a member of the New Mexico Legislature. The veteran prosecutor from rural New Mexico had joined the case last summer in the middle of her campaign for public office but stepped down in mid-March.

In a then-private email in June, Reeb asked Carmack-Altwies to publicize Reeb's role in the Baldwin case, joking "it might help in my campaign lol," according to Baldwin's court filings.

Baldwin's attorneys alleged the Republican lawmaker's involvement in the case was politically motivated, which Reeb adamantly denied. In some conservative circles, Baldwin, who famously satirized former President Trump on NBC's "Saturday Night Live," is reviled.

Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office

THE SET of "Rust" near Santa Fe, N.M., where cinematographer Halyna Hutchins was killed in 2021.

Prosecutors also blundered in their initial charges.

Carmack-Altwies hit Baldwin and Gutierrez Reed with additional "firearms enhancement" charges, which her office said would carry mandatory five-year prison sentences if convicted. Baldwin's attorneys pointed out that the law mandating five-year sentences wasn't on the books when Hutchins was shot. Carmack-Altwies quickly withdrew the charges.

If found guilty, Baldwin and Gutierrez Reed face sentences of up to 18 months.

On Friday, Sommer told Halls that he is not permitted to have contact with Baldwin, Gutierrez Reed or any witnesses in the case. The 63-year-old film veteran — who has retired from the industry — must testify truthfully should he be called as a witness for the prosecution or the defense.

Morrissey, summarizing New Mexico's case, noted that Halls was the "Rust" safety coordinator and there had been two accidental gun discharges the weekend before Hutchins was fatally shot.

There also were labor tensions on set. The film's "camera crew had walked off the production the day before [the tragedy] due to safety concerns, among other issues," Morrissey said.

Camera crew members had previously told The Times they felt producers were cutting corners in a rush to film the low-budget western in 21 days.

The "Rust" producers have denied any wrongdoing.

In a resignation email to production managers the night before the fatal shooting, one camera crew member wrote he felt "anxious on set."

"I've seen first hand our AD [Halls] rush to get shots and he skips over important protocols," Jonas Huerta, the digital utility technician, wrote in the Oct. 20, 2021, email, which was viewed by The Times. "Sometimes he rushes so quickly that [a] props [department member] hasn't even had the chance to bring earplugs and he rolls and the actors fire anyway."

After lunch the following day, Baldwin, Hutchins, Souza, Halls and others gathered for a rehearsal in the old wooden church at Bonanza Creek Ranch, a popular movie location south of Santa Fe. Hutchins wanted Baldwin to practice a "cross-draw" maneuver. The Hollywood actor pulled the Colt .45 out of his holster, then pointed it at the camera.

Minutes before, Gutierrez Reed, the weapons handler, had brought the gun into the church. She handed it to Halls, telling him it was loaded with so-called dummy rounds, Morrissey said.

"Now the protocol at this point in time is for Mr. Halls to check and confirm," Morrissey said. "He's kind of the last line of defense."

Halls has conceded that he did not recheck the bullets in the gun's chamber.

"He then handed the gun to Mr. Baldwin," Morrissey said.

Baldwin has said he cocked the hammer but that he didn't pull the trigger. The gun fired, discharging a bullet that traveled through Hutchins' chest. The bullet lodged in Souza's shoulder.

Halls' attorney Torraco told the judge that Halls was grappling with "survivor's guilt."

"Never in anyone's wildest dreams ... would anyone think there could possibly be a live round in the firearm," Torraco said, noting that Halls agreed to plead no contest "so that he can get this [criminal case] over with" for his sake and to spare Hutchins' family from a protracted criminal proceeding.

"The one way that he can do that, and not make this any more painful than it absolutely has to be, is to come in early, to address it with the court and to close his case," Torraco said.

Big is beautiful at this L.A. strip show

Photographs by **Mel Melcon** Los Angeles Times

SERAPHINA ROSE, known as Demonic Cupcake onstage, dances during a Thick Strip show at the Ace Hotel in L.A.

COMEDIAN Alison Stevenson, who runs Los Angeles' biggest plus-sized strip revue, performs onstage in February.

"WE DON'T have anything like this in Vegas," says Alexandra Villalba, who traveled from Sin City to perform.

[**Strip show,** from A1]

Apparently, there's no laughing in Thick Strip.

"I was harsh with them," Byer said after the class, one of two she runs for initiates to the growing Thick Strip empire. "The idea that we would be sexy is made a joke so often that many of us [learn to] laugh at ourselves. It's a deflection — *ha-ha, as if*. But you're not a joke, you being sexy is not a joke, and we're not laughing about it."

For Mendoza, the moment was a revelation.

"Growing up, so many people laughed at me for being fat, and I would just laugh along with their jokes," she said. Suddenly, "I felt like, why am I laughing at my body and how it moves?"

Such minor epiphanies are stock-in-trade for Thick Strip Enterprises, where, since 2018, scores of performers and hundreds of fans have spent thousands of dollars to howl and cheer and wolf-whistle and weep over dancers in 2XL G-strings and silver-dollar pasties.

Five years in, that passion is starting to pay off. Dancers pay $90 for each six-week workshop; most complete two or three before they audition for a show. At the semi-regular shows at the Ace Hotel downtown, fans shell out $15 for cover, tip twice that amount, and spend at least as much again at the bar. The average Thick Strip audience is extremely femme, incredibly queer and almost unbearably loud. Many go on to take a workshop. Some end up onstage themselves.

"After the [first] show, people were crying because they had never seen someone that looked like them be sexy *seriously*," said Jasmine Newkirk, 30, aka Amaya J, an original Thick Strip cast member and regular on the stage.

Indeed, while the company bills itself as "body positive" adult entertainment, seriously sexy is its organizing principle.

Spectators "either expect all body positivity and not really a strip show, or they expect it's all sex and not feelings," Byer said. "It's undoubtedly a fat liberation, body positivity, body love environment. [But] it's a real-ass strip night."

Many participants said they'd come to Thick Strip seeking to embrace their more generous figures, rather than shed pandemic pounds. As the workshops expand and the stage shows professionalize, the appetite for Thick Strip's brand of sex appeal has only grown.

"We have our own little universe of Thick Strip performers and Thick Strip fans and Thick Strip workshop participants," Stevenson said. "We carved a little community for ourselves."

Some, like Mendoza and her roommate Izzy Grace, 24, hoped to perform at last month's hotly anticipated Valentine Lovin' show at the Ace.

Others, like singer and actor Chantal Tribble, 29, were seeking a more private rapprochement.

"This body that I'm in has changed since the pandemic, and I want to honor it and celebrate it," Tribble said.

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So, what is thick, actually? Is it the same thing as plus-sized? Or fat? Or heavy? Or big? Who precisely is chubby or curvy or husky or plump, apple-bellied or pear-shaped, or any of the other euphemisms for not thin?

Activists have coalesced around "fat," while models and influencers are embracing "plus-size" or "big."

But "thick," which originated in the Black community, is the idiom du jour. Like the Yiddish word zaftig — literally, juicy — it describes a feminine figure whose lavish proportions amplify her larger-than-life personality. This makes "thick" one of the few words fat people are *allowed* to use to describe themselves in public without being corrected.

"When I met a group of new friends and I described myself as fat, they didn't even let me finish," Grace recalled as she and Mendoza sipped tea outside a Starbucks in Silver Lake, about three weeks into class. The pair had been practicing for their audition at a local studio.

"They jumped in — 'You're not fat! You're not fat! You're not fat!' " Grace went on.

" 'You're not fat, you're beautiful!' " Mendoza joined mockingly.

Seemingly everyone in the Thick Strip universe has a version of this story. Like the funny fat friend, "you're not fat, you're beautiful" is a trope so universal it's cliche.

A strip show won't stop workplace discrimination or improve substandard medical care, acolytes agree. But in a city obsessed with thinness, Thick Strip opens a space to celebrate fuller figures beyond the exaggerated hourglass en vogue (think Beyoncé or Kim Kardashian).

"The class was a breath of fresh air, because fat bodies are not just an hourglass," Mendoza said.

Mendoza has this "ideal" fat figure, with curves she said drew early attention from men, even as her elementary school classmates mocked her for them.

Grace has a thick waist, round belly, full arms. "My body is the least desirable type of fat body — which I have no problem saying because in the fetish world, it's the most desirable," Grace said as they browsed together at the Stockroom, a sex shop where she often buys garb for her job as a dominatrix.

"People pay me for my fat body — they pay me a lot of money." But that money is for her discretion as much as her labor, she said.

"People are taught that attraction to fat women is shameful," Grace said, admiring latex body suits she could never fit into. "The reason men come to me as a fat woman and pay for me is because they can do it in private without their friends knowing."

Yet showcasing fat bodies on social media remains a Sisyphean task, beset with suspensions, shadow bans, troll attacks and rolls of puke emojis.

It's a reminder of who is welcome in public — not merely who gets to be sexy, but who should be seen at all.

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Last month, the lights of downtown sparkled through the floor-to-ceiling windows, and glitter and adhesive fumes filled the air as Thick Strip's makeshift dressing room at the Ace trembled with thigh-slapping, stomach-shaking laughter.

The bar was open. The giggle rule shelved. Twelve ample dancers lounged in various states of undress, finessing their makeup and cutting up about strip lashes and thongs.

"We don't have anything like this in Vegas," mused plus-size model and performer Alexandra Villalba, aka Lex Lunacy, who'd driven in from Sin City to make her Thick Strip debut. "I'm super excited to do a plus-size revue."

"The dressing room is always like that — we're always just hyping each other up," Newkirk said. "In other shows, people will avoid eating right before going onstage. But at Thick Strip we literally have a charcuterie board. We're snacking away."

With minutes left until showtime, the dancers passed around body tape and lash glue, press-on nails and pasties — no one performs in the nude. Byer reviewed the set list, and Stevenson eyed the line out the door as she arranged $1,000 in singles to make change for tips. (A part of each show's proceeds goes to Sex Workers Outreach Program Los Angeles, a peer-support network for sex workers.)

It was their biggest cast yet, and one of the first featuring all-veteran talent. Mendoza and Grace had scrapped their audition for a last-minute job that same night. Their absence onstage left space for Villalba.

"Other people can rely on just being thin and taking their clothes off," Villalba said, adding double-sided tape to keep her pasties in place. "I have to be a lot more theatrical."

Her repertoire in Vegas includes a fake-blood-soaked Krampus act riffing on the horned Christmas demon, and a "Dora the Explorer" striptease set to Flo Milli's explicit "Back Pack."

Her Thick Strip set was tame in comparison. She'd wind her way from "Toxic Love" — the vampy villain number sung by Tim Curry's smog monster Hexxus in the animated cult classic "FernGully: The Last Rainforest" — to "Toxic Pony," the viral Britney Spears/Genuwine mashup.

"I knew I wanted to do that Tim Curry song because it's abnormally sexy for no reason," Villalba explained.

One by one, performers slipped out to check the pole and practice their steps on the stage. Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion's mega-hit "WAP" played as the audience began to fill in.

As the show got started, any illusion of a gentlemen's club fell away. Curvy fans in bold graphic eyeliner and carrying itty-bitty Telfar bags crowded the stage. Between the pounding bass and Beatlemania screams, the atmosphere was deafening.

"This is such an amazing experience, especially for someone who's [plus-size] themselves," spectator Jacqueline Moreno shouted over the din. "You can see yourself up there. "

By time Villalba took the stage, the audience was in a lather. Her '90s B-side drew whoops and cheers from the crowd. But the first bars of "Pony" brought the house down.

Fans rushed the stage to throw singles as she shed her hard hat and cut-off jumpsuit to reveal a blue lamé onesie and glittering stewardess cap. For the finale, she peeled away the onesie to bare pasties emblazoned with blue-sequined biohazard symbols, drawing the upper registers of shrieking adulation.

"There was so much money on the stage I couldn't dance," Villalba recalled breathlessly backstage. "People were screaming so loud I couldn't hear the music."

The take — about $250 in tips — more than doubled her usual goal.

"Doing something so vanilla and still getting such a big reaction shows me there's a market for exactly what I have to offer," she said.

Her exuberance echoed Thick Strip's own dreams of expansion — more out-of-town talent, a traveling show, even a brick-and-mortar club.

Like body glitter, that kind of ambition rubs off.

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> — Jasmine Newkirk,
> aka Amaya J, an original Thick Strip cast member

DOLLAR BILLS rain as Michelle Weiser, aka Hermione Danger, performs. The average Thick Strip audience is extremely femme, incredibly queer and almost unbearably loud.

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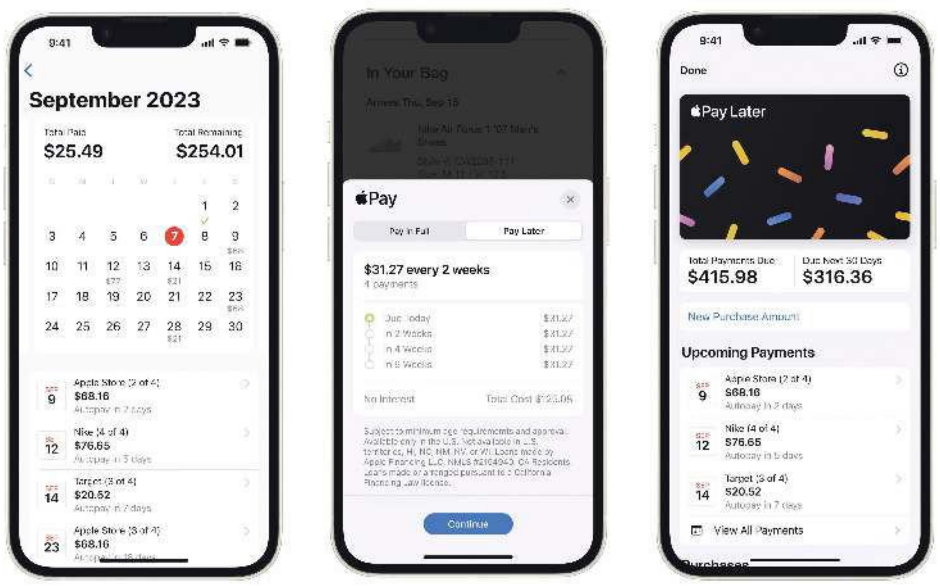
As Apple enters the short-term loan field, financial experts have warnings for spenders.

By Jessica Roy



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AN IMAGE shows what the calendar view of Apple Pay Later will look like on an iPhone. Apple says the loans will be available in amounts from $50 to $1,000.

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USING a short-term loan to finance a small or medium purchase is “sold like a no-brainer” to consumers, says Carmen Perez, creator of the budgeting app Much.

Starting this week, Apple is rolling out its version of “buy now, pay later.”

Using a short-term loan to finance a small or medium purchase — Apple says Pay Later loans will be available in amounts from $50 to $1,000 — is “sold like a no-brainer” to consumers, personal finance expert Carmen Perez said. “I’ve heard people say it seems like free money.”

Of course, there’s no such thing. Compared with traditional credit cards, there are few upsides to using any “buy now, pay later” program. And evidence indicates the existence of these loans can facilitate unhealthy consumer behaviors that can trap people in debt.

Apple Pay Later is elbowing into a crowded field: AfterPay, Klarna, Affirm, Zip and similar short-term financing companies constitute a fast-growing market. There were almost 10 times as many “buy now, pay later” (often shortened to BNPL) loans issued in 2021 compared with 2019, according to a report from the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau. The total value of those loans grew from $2 billion to $24.2 billion in that period.

“The way that ‘buy now, pay later’ is positioned, it doesn’t seem like debt up front,” said Perez, who’s the creator of the budgeting app Much and part of a new women’s financial education initiative from Secret Deodorant.

But it is: “That’s still debt. You’re still on the hook for that. And there’s still negative consequences for that.”

“Buy now, pay later” loans, also known as point-of-sale financing, typically appear as an option at online checkout. You’re presented with the option to pay in full, or to split your purchase into installments with zero interest. A marketing professor told the Atlantic that in her consumer polling, shoppers said using a credit card makes them feel guilty, but they made no moral distinction between using BNPL and swiping their debit card for the full amount.

Apple’s announcement of the service touted its benefits: “Apple Pay Later was designed with our users’ financial health in mind, so it has no fees and no interest, and can be used and managed within Wallet, making it easier for consumers to make informed and responsible borrowing decisions.”

And it does appear to have some benefits over competitors: Apple showed off a slick interface that lets users manage their loans and view a calendar of upcoming payments. Borrowers have to link a debit card to make repayments, so they can’t get further into debt by paying off one loan with another (e.g., a credit card), a criticism the industry has faced. Loan recipients will get notifications about upcoming payments, so there’s less chance of being caught off guard when payments go through. And the company says it plans to start reporting Apple Pay Later loans to U.S. credit bureaus this fall, which could help borrowers build credit through on-time payments.

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Like every other lender in the BNPL space, Apple Pay Later loans are spread out in four installments. That number isn’t a coincidence, said Tom Y. Chang, an associate professor of finance and business economics at the USC Marshall School of Business.

“It’s all to avoid the Truth in Lending Act,” he said. “The Truth in Lending Act kicks in at five installments. So they all put it just below the threshold.”

The Truth in Lending Act is a federal law that dictates how lenders have to treat customers, including making it easy to understand all the potential fees and interest charges on a loan. If you aren’t subject to it, you can sell people on all the upsides of your loan without having to bum them out with the downsides.

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A report from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau found that compared with someone who didn’t use BNPL financing, the average BNPL borrower was more likely to have a lot of debt, more likely to have delinquencies on their credit report, more likely to carry a balance on their credit cards, and more likely to use payday loans, pawn shops and account overdrafts. The bureau said the idea that BNPL extends lines of credit to people who don’t otherwise have that option is false: “In fact, they were more likely to borrow using credit and retail cards, personal loans, student debt, and auto loans compared to non-BNPL borrowers.”

There are other potential downsides, including how BNPL uses consumer psychology to affect your decision-making.

When you buy something, you face what’s known as “friction” in the shopping experience — all the points in the process that make you think, “Do I really want to complete this transaction?”

Vendors want to reduce that friction as much as possible.

Online shopping — now available 24/7 on the supercomputer that lives in everyone’s pocket — reduced the friction of getting to the store.

When the customer has to pull out their wallet, they face another friction point. Greg Ward, a certified financial planner and the think tank director at financial coaching company Financial Finesse, said the lending industry is always looking for ways to alleviate the so-called pain of paying.

“Making it easy, making it fun and making it cool, that’s been the game of the credit card industry since the ’60s,” he said.

Think of how much more likely you are to buy something from an app or online store that already has your credit card number saved. That’s a friction reducer. Still, you have to confront the checkout screen, with that looming total staring back at you. If you got a pop-up message that said, “Want to open a new credit card to pay for this?” you’d probably say no. But when you get a pop-up that splits that total purchase price into four with an instant loan, you might find yourself able to justify it.

Perez said in her experience, vendors make using BNPL easy to the point that it seems some retailers are pushing the service: “Like, ‘Are you sure you don’t want to AfterPay?’ I think it’s pretty nefarious.”

The BNPL model doesn’t charge customers interest or fees up front. Lenders instead make money by charging the vendor four payment processing fees instead of one. That can drive up prices for everyone, including non-BNPL shoppers. Another way businesses benefit: It could encourage customers to spend more. The owner of a restaurant in Malibu told the New York Times that customers who used BNPL for their purchase spent 40% more than other people placing an online order and twice as much as people ordering in person.

Are there any more potential downsides to using BNPL? Yes.

- The idea that the loan is “no interest, no fees” is true only to an extent. If you don’t pay the loan back on time, you could be subject to all sorts of fees — which, again, the lender doesn’t have to tell you up front, because it isn’t subject to the Truth in Lending Act. For instance, AfterPay says a late payment could result in a fee of up to $68.
- Apple lets you see all of your Pay Later loans in one convenient calendar. But if you also have loans through Affirm, Klarna or other lenders, it can get tricky to keep track of all the upcoming payments and due dates in your budget.
- Though a soft credit pull doesn’t ding your score, it still shows up on your credit report and could affect your ability to get other sources of credit or loans. For instance, a mortgage lender could legally look at a soft credit check for a microloan in a food delivery app — an increasingly widespread behavior — and question whether you can afford a mortgage when you need to split up a sandwich across a few paychecks.
- Apple says it plans to report Pay Later loans to U.S. credit bureaus starting this fall, so on-time payments could boost your credit score — but that takes away from the idea that this type of debt somehow exists outside of your credit report. The three major credit bureaus have all announced plans to include BNPL loans on credit reports. Late payments reported to the credit bureaus can definitely hurt your credit score.
- Paying off a loan over six weeks means assuming your paychecks will be the same six weeks from now. In the best of times, you can’t know the future; right now, with layoffs looming in many industries and COVID still a thing, it’s hard to guarantee those installment payments on your new blender will feel as fiscally palatable in six weeks.

So what are the upsides, beyond the zing of instant gratification? In some cases, it may be better than the alternative, Ward said: If you’re using BNPL instead of turning to something like a payday lender or a pawn shop, or a high-interest credit card you don’t pay off every month, it could be the right move.

Think of BNPL as “kind of a ‘break glass in case of emergency’ ” alternative to those types of high-interest debt, he said, “instead of it becoming the routine.”

There’s nothing explicitly wrong with Apple Pay Later compared with other BNPL lenders. If you must take on debt to make a purchase and you are confident you’ll be able to afford what you bought when the payments are due, Apple Pay Later seems to offer some slight advantages over competitors, including an easier way to keep track of payments and, in the future, possibly helping build your credit.

Perez said if using BNPL is the difference between keeping the lights on or feeding your kids, “at least it’s being utilized in a way that’s productive. Better than going into debt for jewelry and clothes.”

But in most cases, a traditional credit card is better, Chang said: “If you have a credit card, I don’t see why you would ever use this.”

There are actually quite a few advantages to using a credit card for your transaction instead of BNPL, he said. If you have a credit card that you pay off in full every month, you have basically the same amount of time to pay off your purchase as you do with BNPL — around four to six weeks, depending on where you are in your billing cycle. A credit card offers rewards or points. And you are more protected if you need to dispute the charge or get a refund.

If you do use BNPL to fund something that might be described more as a “want” than a “need,” it doesn’t mean you’re doomed to debt. Keep track of what you owe, make your payments on time, and don’t fall into the habit of borrowing money to spend money. Using BNPL isn’t the end of the world. It’s just not the smartest financial move.

Shell out for Twitter Blue? Celebs say they’ll check out

Many feel ‘extorted’ by the platform’s new subscription verification service.

By Jaimie Ding

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A VERIFIED account has a gold check mark.

Twitter’s blue check marks have long been seen as a status symbol: They’ve adorned the accounts of the famous and infamous, politicians and influencers. Most important, they verify that the people behind those accounts are who they say they are.

But hours before Twitter planned to take away the verification check marks en masse Saturday — and hand them out to those who pay $8 a month or $84 a year for a Twitter Blue subscription — entertainers, pro athletes and content producers appeared to be in no rush to sign up.

Twitter’s announcement was met with derision from many verified users.

TV writer and comedian Mike Drucker tweeted, “Some users on Twitter were starting to confuse me for the type of person who’d pay $8 a month to feel special. It was embarrassing.”

Celebrities have been leaving the platform or decreasing their activity in recent years, and it’s likely that the new policy will accelerate the process.

Media and entertainment professionals who work with celebrities on social media strategy expressed reluctance to pay to have clients verified but were wary about discussing the matter publicly, citing Twitter Chief Executive Elon Musk’s history of retaliating against critics, including business partners. (When major advertisers paused their spending in November over concerns about hate speech, Musk threatened a “thermonuclear name and shame.”)

One Los Angeles media executive whose portfolio includes celebrity and entertainment brands had reservations about the “optics of getting a blue check,” referring to the way Musk’s culture-war antics have polarized sentiment around Twitter. The executive, who did not have her company’s approval to speak publicly, also expressed concern about the inability to talk to Twitter support staff about the change.

Another source who confers with celebrities and media companies reported hearing “from a bunch of talent teams that they feel like they’re being extorted, and they’re not doing it.”

Musk also announced that starting April 15, only accounts subscribing to Twitter Blue will be eligible to be promoted in users’ “For You” recommendations. Musk later added that “For You” will include tweets from followed accounts, including those that are unverified. Voting in polls will be available only to paid users, he said.

But many questions remain unanswered, such as how retweets will be handled in algorithmic promotion and how Twitter will prevent the proliferation of impostor accounts.

Twitter’s press email responded to a request for comment with an autoreply of a poop emoji.

A few celebrities have publicly declared that they will not pay for Twitter Blue or expressed concerns about potential impersonation.

Actor William Shatner, who has 2.5 million followers, tweeted that “blue [checks] were guardrails to legitimacy; not meaningless status symbols.”

Actor Jason Alexander tweeted that he would leave the platform if his check mark were removed, since without it, “anyone can allege to be me.”

In an example of impersonation, Monica Lewinsky tweeted about a user with the handle “monicalewinskai” who was verified with a blue check mark.

Twitter introduced verification in 2009 after it was sued over an impersonation account. When the blue check mark was first made available to paying users in November, the platform was swarmed with users posing as public figures such as LeBron James and George W. Bush.

Only 475,000, or 0.2%, of Twitter’s daily active users are paying subscribers, according to one researcher’s estimate, and around half have fewer than 1,000 followers, Mashable reported.

The company has listed requirements for Twitter Blue status, such as having “no signs of engaging in platform manipulation and spam” and “no signs of being misleading or deceptive,” including impersonation. Details on how the company will enforce these requirements have not been released.

Several news organizations, which are heavy users of the platform, have said they will not be paying for Twitter Blue.

The Los Angeles Times, Buzzfeed, Politico, Vox Media and the Washington Post have said they won’t pay for Twitter verification for the organizations or for reporters; the New York Times will make an exception “in rare instances where verified status would be essential for reporting purposes,” according to CNN media reporter Oliver Darcy.

Organizations will be charged $1,000 a month to access Twitter Blue, as well as $50 per affiliate account for individual users.

Twitter will make exceptions for its top 500 advertisers and for the 10,000 most-followed previously verified organizations, according to the New York Times.

Times staff writer Wendy Lee contributed to this report.

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A VIRGIN Atlantic Boeing 747 carrying Virgin Orbit's LauncherOne departs from Newquay, England.

Virgin Orbit lays off most of staff

Branson's rocket firm has failed to secure additional funding.

By Samantha Masunaga

Richard Branson's Virgin Orbit is laying off about 675 employees, or 85% of its workforce, as the air-launched rocket company failed to find funding to sustain its operations.

Most of the affected employees were based in Long Beach and Mojave.

The Long Beach company plans to spend $8.8 million in severance payments and employee benefit costs and an additional $6.5 million on outplacement services and other related costs, according to a company filing Thursday with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

To fund the severance and outplacement costs, Virgin Orbit sold a $10.9-million senior secured convertible note to Virgin Investments, the investment arm of Branson's Virgin Group, according to the filing.

The layoffs will be "substantially" complete by Monday. The remaining employees will focus on making progress on the company's next LauncherOne rocket, according to a person familiar with the matter who was not authorized to comment. That rocket is in production and nearly complete.

Virgin Orbit did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The layoffs come two weeks after the company said it would pause operations and put most of its staff on furlough while it looked for additional cash.

Virgin Orbit faced a tough market for fundraising, with higher interest rates and greater reluctance from investors to fund technology that wasn't a sure-fire bet. Other small-satellite launch companies have also faced financial struggles this year, including Alameda-based Astra, which received a delisting warning from the NASDAQ late last year for having a share price below $1 for 30 consecutive days.

Virgin Orbit Holdings' stock traded for a little over $7 a share last year at this time. On Friday, the stock closed at 20 cents.

Virgin Orbit had hoped for a lifeline from private investor Matthew Brown, but talks between the two broke down late last week, according to CNBC.

The company launches small satellites via a rocket that blasts off from beneath the wing of a modified Boeing 747 aircraft. Virgin Orbit had four successful launches before a failure earlier this year that resulted in the loss of its customers' satellites.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Stocks cap winning month and quarter

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Stocks rallied on Friday to close out a winning March and first quarter of the year, feats that looked questionable just a couple of weeks ago when Wall Street was tumbling in turmoil.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 1.4% to cap a 3.5% gain for the month. It also locked in a second winning quarter in a row after falling sharply most of last year on worries about high interest rates meant to get inflation under control.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 415 points, or 1.3%, and the Nasdaq composite climbed 1.7%. For the Nasdaq, big leaps for technology stocks drove a gain of 16.8% for the quarter, its best since the surge out of the coronavirus-caused crash in the spring of 2020.

Friday's gains came after a report showed inflation across the U.S. slowed in February, though it was still high relative to history. A continued slowdown could give the Federal Reserve more leeway to take it easier on interest rates after jacking them higher at a furious pace over the last year.

The threat of higher rates has been behind the stock market's struggles since it peaked in early 2022. High rates can undercut inflation, but only by bluntly slowing the entire economy, which raises the risk of a recession. They also drag down prices for stocks, bonds and other investments.

A blitz of economic reports earlier in the year suggesting stubbornly high inflation raised worries the Fed would have to keep rates even higher than feared for longer. A recession still hasn't hit the economy, but the pressure of higher interest rates helped cause the banking industry to crack last month.

The second- and third-largest U.S. bank failures in history rocked markets after depositors rushed to pull their money out of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank. The runs pushed investors to cast harsher scrutiny on banks globally in the hunt for seemingly weak links. Forceful actions by regulators have since helped to rebuild confidence. Almost as important, traders have also built bets that the banking system's woes will force the Fed to stop hiking rates soon and even to begin cutting rates later this year.

The overriding mood in the market seems to be that the "Fed blinked and off we rally into April" before waiting to see if a recession or new panics around commercial real estate or something else awaits in the second half of the year, investment strategist Michael Hartnett wrote in a BofA Global Research report.

Expectations for an easier Fed have helped Big Tech stocks in particular because high-growth stocks are seen as some of the biggest beneficiaries of lower rates. That has helped to prop up the S&P 500, where Big Tech stocks play an outsize role because of their massive size. Apple, Microsoft and Google's parent, Alphabet, each posted double-digit gains for March.

Strength in tech has helped to mask weakness for other parts of the market that are still down for the month but play smaller roles in indexes, such as smaller-sized stocks or financial companies.

Some professional investors on Wall Street say the expectations for rate cuts are premature and could be setting the market up for disappointment. Cuts can act like steroids for markets, but they're probably coming only if the economy looks to be in serious trouble.

The Fed, meanwhile, has hinted it envisions raising rates one more time before keeping them steady through this year. Friday's data suggest that could still be the case, economists said.

"Elevated price pressures coupled with strong job growth that is restoring incomes and is supporting demand should keep the Fed on track to hike rates further over coming meetings," said Rubeela Farooqi, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics.

What makes the Fed's upcoming decisions particularly tricky is that the banking industry's troubles could act like hikes to interest rates on their own if they cause banks to pull back on lending. That in turn could stifle hiring and growth for the economy.

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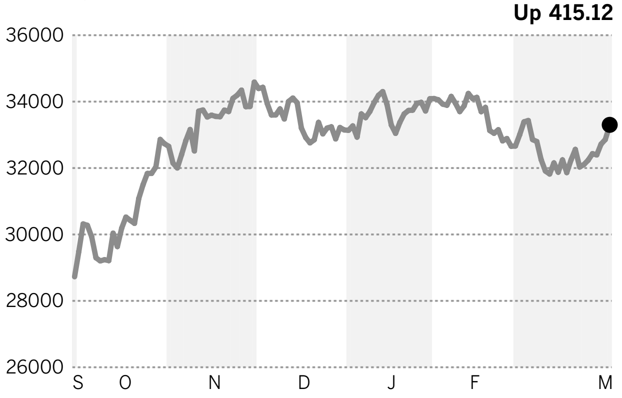

Major stock indexes

Index	Close	Daily change	Daily % change	YTD % change
Dow industrials	33,274.15	+415.12	+1.26	+0.38
S&P 500	4,109.31	+58.48	+1.44	+7.03
Nasdaq composite	12,221.91	+208.44	+1.74	+16.77
S&P 400	2,512.16	+43.36	+1.76	+3.36
Russell 2000	1,802.48	+34.10	+1.93	+2.34
EuroStoxx 50	4,318.49	+33.07	+0.77	+13.88
Nikkei (Japan)	28,041.48	+258.55	+0.93	+7.46
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	20,400.11	+90.98	+0.45	+3.13

Interest rates

Treasuries	Yield	Weekly change	6 month change	1 year change
T-bill: 1 year	4.66	+0.34	+0.63	+2.97
T-note: 5 year	3.60	+0.19	-0.46	+1.04
T-note: 10 years	3.48	+0.11	-0.35	+1.10
T-bond: 30 years	3.65	+0.01	-0.13	+1.23

Bank & mortgage rates	Rate	Week ago	6 months ago	1 year ago
6 Month CD	1.88	1.86	1.85	0.97
1 Year CD	2.40	2.40	2.37	1.49
2 Year CD	2.50	2.50	2.48	1.67
30 Year Fixed	6.81	6.81	7.08	7.06
15 Year Fixed	6.12	6.04	6.33	6.16
30 Year Jumbo	6.95	6.95	7.22	7.13

Commodities

Commodity: Unit	Delivery date	Close in $	Weekly change	1 year change
Oil: Barrel	May 23	75.67	+6.41	-23.60
Gold Ounce	Apr 23	1,969.00	-13.10	+49.90
Silver Ounce	Apr 23	24.08	+0.83	-0.57

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OP-ED

I'm one of the Israeli protesters. This is why

By John E. Golub
IN JERUSALEM

A FEW MINUTES before midnight on March 26, my wife and I got out of bed, dressed, and marched up the hill to join thousands of other protesters outside the Knesset, Israel's parliament. It was my 13th protest since the movement began and my wife's 25th.

What caused two people in their 60s to take to the streets 38 times in two months? Nothing less than the evisceration of our democracy.

First, let's understand what Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition government has proposed to do. The main elements of the legislation to overhaul the judiciary are de facto elimination of judicial review of legislation; politicization of the judicial appointment process; cancellation of the High Court of Justice's right to intervene in government decisions based on a so-called standard of extreme unreasonableness; politicization of ministerial legal counsels, career civil servants who provide an important check on government overreach; and a law whose immediate effect is to allow Arie Deri, the former health and interior minister, to serve as minister despite his criminal record.

In addition, the Knesset has already passed a law to cancel the prerogative, currently held by the High Court and the government legal counsel, to declare the prime minister unfit based on, for example, a felony conviction. Since our prime minister is currently on trial, the net effect is to place him above the law.

These changes are devastating to Israel's democracy, which is fragile compared with the more robust version in the United States. Here are some of the checks on power in the U.S. that Israel does not have: (1) a written constitution; (2) a bicameral legislature; (3) a head of the executive branch who is often different from the head of the majority party in Congress; and (4) a federal system with states' rights. Israel has none of those things.

The prime minister is also typically the head of the coalition's largest party in parliament. There is no written constitution. There are no states. The only check on absolute government power is our High Court. For that reason, Israelis have always revered and safeguarded their High Court of Justice in the way Americans revere and safeguard the Constitution.

Netanyahu's zombie government wants to eviscerate Israel's fragile democracy. No regime can attempt to institute dictatorship, fail and keep on governing.

To add to this crisis, in less than four months in office, this government's efforts have gone entirely toward the benefit of its members. Nothing has been done to mitigate the Iranian threat, improve domestic security, reduce Israel's outrageous cost of living, or sign new peace treaties with Arab nations, although the prime minister touted precisely those four issues in his opening speech to the new government. These are a small sample of the problems this government is ignoring while it focuses instead on securing unlimited power.

Instead of working toward these lofty goals, the government has managed to bring the Israel Defense Forces to the threshold of an unprecedented crisis, to reduce foreign direct investment in Israeli high tech to near zero, and to threaten our status as the lone democracy in the Middle East.

From the beginning this protest has had a uniquely Israeli vibe. The prime minister's pitiful attempt to delegitimize hundreds of thousands of protesters by calling them anarchists got a powerful and passionate video response from a clean-cut, 20-something combat reservist who asks, "You're calling me an anarchist?" Women all over the country began marching in Handmaid's Tale costume. The high-tech game company Playtika placed a giant sign in Herzliya reading "Democracy is not a game." Someone even put a sticker on the trash bin outside my house: "No throwing Democracy in the garbage."

The middle class and high-tech communities who bear the brunt of the tax burden are not willing to go back to the status quo, not willing to support stipends for the ultra-Orthodox who choose not to work, who get sweetheart tax treatment, don't serve in the army, don't study a core curriculum including citizenship, don't learn any marketable skill in school, can't do simple math, can't speak simple English. Nor are they willing to risk their children's lives to protect messianic West Bank settlers who want to kill or deport Palestinians.

This government has lost its right to exist. No government can attempt to institute dictatorship, fail and keep on governing. We need elections and a coalition drawing support from both the traditional left and right. We need to change the definitions of left and right and stop making our legitimate security needs an excuse for ignoring all other issues.

We need to focus on a sustainable society founded on a constitution; social justice; a core curriculum in education, including citizenship studies for everyone; fair sharing of the burden of army service; and an end to the occupation of the West Bank and the moral acrobatics that allow people to think that they can live in freedom while a few miles away, people lack basic civil rights.

As someone once said, if you're explaining, you're losing. Israel's zombie government and its apologists toss around many explanations for why this power grab is a good thing. As a protester, I'm only interested in one thing: democracy. I'll be on the street again screaming it this Saturday.

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ISRAELIS protest against the prime minister's recent power grab.

Nashville is a sliver of a vast toll on children

By Steven Woolf

THREE CHILDREN and three adults were killed this week in Nashville, the latest city to become the scene of one of our all too regular mass shootings. As a parent, I am horrified to see another school taped off as a crime scene. As a physician who has studied the life expectancy of American children, I know shootings like the one in Tennessee represent only a small fraction of pediatric firearm deaths.

In 2021, the most recent year with reliable data, firearms killed 4,733 American children and youths ages 1 to 19, only 12 of whom — one in nearly 400 — died in school shootings. This awful toll grows every day as young people are shot, one by one, in communities across the country.

America's young people are now more likely to die from guns than from anything else. The most life-threatening pediatric conditions — cancer, birth defects and heart disease —together claim fewer lives than guns. Motor vehicles, for decades the leading cause of pediatric deaths, fell to second place in 2020, yielding to guns as the top killer of children.

Over most of the past century, "all-cause mortality" — the probability of dying of anything — decreased dramatically among U.S. children, thanks to advances in prevention and medical care. Antibiotics and vaccines conquered infectious diseases that routinely sent children to their graves. Engineering advances such as seat belts and safer designs slashed car crash death rates. Innovations in chemotherapy helped more children survive leukemia.

Now firearms are putting all that progress in jeopardy. In a recently published study, my colleagues and I found that American children and teens have become significantly less likely to see the age of 20. All-cause mortality among those ages 1 to 19 surged 20% between 2019 and 2021, perhaps the largest such increase since the 1918 influenza pandemic.

This was not caused by COVID-19 or any other disease. The primary culprits are suicide, homicide, drug overdoses and car accidents, the first three of which began claiming more lives before the pandemic. Pediatric suicides started rising in 2007, homicides in 2013 and fatal overdoses in 2019. We have reached a horrific tipping point at which all the lives saved by pediatric medicine are now being lost to bullets, drugs and cars.

This alarming trend underscores two emergencies: a mental health crisis among young Americans and the growing danger of firearms. Politicians seeking to evade discussions of gun policy often pose a false dichotomy: The problem, they say, is not the weapons but the mental health of those pulling the trigger. This is disingenuous not only because both can be a factor but also because the same politicians often oppose meaningful investments in mental health.

The increase in pediatric suicides is one sign that a much larger population of young people is struggling with depression, anxiety and hopelessness. Psychosocial stresses can express themselves in conflict and violence. And impulsive anger or desperation can quickly turn fatal when a firearm is within reach.

In 2021, firearms were involved in 86% of homicides and 48% of suicides among those ages 1 to 19, and the rates are increasing. Guns have replaced overdoses as the leading means of suicide. Firearm-related deaths among young people surged 67% between 2015 and 2019. In 2018, emergency rooms treated more than 11,000 children under 19 for nonfatal firearm injuries. And as of 2021, accidental shootings were killing an American child every other day.

The reasons for the gun epidemic are no mystery to observers in other wealthy countries, where gun violence is rare. Firearms outnumber people in the United States, where gun ownership rates are far higher than in other countries and climbing rapidly. Gun manufacturers have spent years promoting lethal semiautomatic rifles, the weapon of choice in mass shootings. Ownership of assault weapons such as the AR-15 grew from 74,000 in 1990 to 2.8 million in 2010.

The firearms industry and its lobbying arm, the National Rifle Assn., have promoted gun sales by convincing millions of Americans of the need to defend themselves with military-grade weaponry. Some members of Congress now wear assault rifle lapel pins and pose with firearms for their family holiday photos. This macabre climate helps explain why the most modest measures to curb pediatric gun deaths — those that would keep firearms away from children, require storing weapons unloaded, and mandate locks and other safeguards to prevent use — routinely go down in defeat in Congress and state legislatures.

Adults on any side of the gun debate should be able to agree on the wisdom of protecting children from guns. Adults can responsibly use firearms while also supporting policies to prevent children from being shot.

The recent surge in pediatric mortality is a flashing warning light. The fact that young Americans are now most likely to die by a bullet and less likely to reach adulthood should bring us to our senses. Our failure to protect the lives of our children is unconscionable.

STEVEN WOOLF is a professor of family medicine and population health at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine.

LETTERS

SETH WENIG Associated Press

ALVIN BRAGG oversees the investigation that yielded the first indictment of a former president.

'Alvin Bragg has made America great again'

Re "Trump indicted," March 31

NOBODY IS ABOVE THE LAW. In a nation of more than 330 million souls, however, there was one person whom the law had not touched — before, that is, Manhattan Dist. Atty. Alvin Bragg presented his case against former President Trump to the grand jury, which reacted with an indictment.

Other indictments may follow, both in Georgia and in federal courts.

Might I have to alter my earlier assessment that indeed, nobody is above the law? Perhaps not. The courage and dedication that Bragg has shown amid death threats is an example for all of us to follow.

CASSIE BRYER, Los Angeles

I thought those investigating Trump would back down, and he would emerge the winner above the law because his mimes and Fox News had a louder voice. I was wrong.

Bragg and the grand jurors in Manhattan, following death threats, bravely pursued the facts and followed through with the indictment.

With the former president scheduled to show up for his day in court next week, there is also a problem that I don't think ever came up in our nation's history. Current and past presidents are assigned protection for life. If Trump has to serve time, will his Secret Service detail have to be on guard too?

DON A. NORMAN
Los Angeles

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The indictment of Trump after more than 200 years of our presidency removes the last vestige of an American monarchy.

The president until now has been seen as above the law, and not one of them has ever been prosecuted for any alleged misdeeds.

The president was given special power when the Constitution was written. Whoever held the office could pardon anyone found guilty of a crime, effectively overriding the rule of law. This is a power and privilege typically given to monarchs.

But today, the president is one of us.

SIDNEY WEISSMAN
Highland Park, Ill.

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Criminal justice consequences are meant to deter the offender and others from engaging in future illegal conduct.

Our society demands compliance with the law by mentally ill people, who often struggle distinguishing between reality and delusion. Surely we can demand the same from business and political leaders.

While no reasonable person can expect that Trump will ever experience contrition, our only chance of deterring future lawlessness by others is to subject him to legal consequences for criminal activity.

JOEL KOURY
Santa Monica

The writer is a criminal defense attorney.

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Two politicians with legal troubles made Friday's newspaper.

The party of Trump was mentioned more than 16 times. The party of suspended L.A. City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas, who was found guilty Thursday in his federal corruption trial, was mentioned zero times.

And the L.A. Times has no bias?

GREG BADOVINAC
North Hollywood

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Inarguably, Trump's indictment for difficult-to-follow business felonies pales compared to the possibly traitorous larger offenses also pending.

But, if a criminal robs a bank, burns a building and commits some white-collar crime as well, they have still broken the law and committed three felonies. They should be made to answer for each.

We have a cultural flaw where our president is regarded as sort of an untouchable king. Our continued fascination with the British monarchy proves this. Former President Nixon and Trump, both of whom disgraced the office, exploited this.

Our laws must apply equally to us all or they mean nothing.

MARK DINIAKOS
Thousand Oaks

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Trump's money was well spent, wasn't it? It sure kept that Stormy Daniels story quiet, didn't it?

MAUREEN COBAS
Pomona

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Alvin Bragg has made America great again.

ALAN SEGAL
San Diego

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I awoke Friday morning to important news for our country, and especially wonderful for those of us who have been praying for some sort of accountability for the tainted leader of the previous administration.

Thus, I was not surprised that Friday's newspaper elected to run the story about Trump's indictment as the lead story. The other front-page articles were also important.

But I searched in vain for the special headline that day deserved, that this city and county deserved, after the Dodgers opened their season with a scorching win over their opponent.

We Dodger fans failed to have that smile-evoking little banner somewhere on the first page. We lost the chance to gloat for just a moment in the glory of an opening-day win, when Trump is trumped by the Dodgers.

LYDIA VOGT
San Vito, Costa Rica

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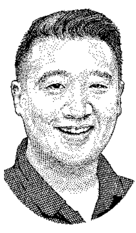
Law firm ads a case of cultural irony

FRANK SHYONG



There's a bit of humor I often hear about attorney billboards in the San Gabriel Valley, a region of 2.1 million people largely composed of Asian and Latino immigrants and their families.

All the Chinese attorneys use white men on their billboards to appeal to the Chinese community, people say, and all the white attorneys include Chinese employees on their billboards, also to appeal to Chinese clients.

It's a cultural irony created by the racial expectations of the law firms' clientele, primarily Chinese immigrants and their families. Recent immigrants might worry that Chinese attorneys don't have the same connections to local institutions, so a white face helps ease those concerns. They might also assume a white attorney lacks Chinese translation and cultural sensitivity, so a Chinese face addresses that.

Obviously those assumptions about Chinese and white attorneys aren't always true. Chinese Americans are just as likely as white attorneys to have connections and be skilled at navigating American systems. And there are plenty of Chinese Americans who are less than fluent in their culture's languages, and surely a few white attorneys who can speak Chinese languages.

But law firm marketing is more about comfort than reality, said Scott Warmuth, an attorney who was one of the first to put up Chinese billboards in Monterey Park about a decade ago.

Warmuth's billboards have been a fixture in the San Gabriel Valley, and the ads have brought a level of renown that's unusual for a personal injury attorney. Rep. Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park) has jokingly referred to him as the "most famous" person in the San Gabriel Valley.

Warmuth, 67, began his practice in Monterey Park in 1984 with a Taiwanese friend who was looking for a white attorney with whom to launch a practice. At the time, it was a widespread belief in the Chinese community that white attorneys knew American systems better.

"My Taiwanese friend at the time said, 'You need to be white.' There was a big portion of the population that felt it was better to have a white attorney," Warmuth

[See **Shyong,** B5]

CHRISTINA HOUSE Los Angeles Times

GRAY SKIES greet a visitor to Shoreline Aquatic Park in Long Beach in February. Since October, more rain has fallen in downtown Los Angeles than in the famously wet cities of Portland, Ore., and Seattle.

When clouds reigned supreme in L.A.

Weather data show it really has been a dreary winter here

BY REBECCA ELLIS AND PHI DO

Tourists at the top of Griffith Park on Wednesday morning got an accurate view of what it's looked like to live in Los Angeles of late: gray as far as the eye could see.

It had been yet another stormy morning in a city synonymous with sunshine.

"I mean, listen, we need the rain, right," said Addison Vincent, 30, who had just made the mud-slicked trek up to the top. "But it's just a little excessive."

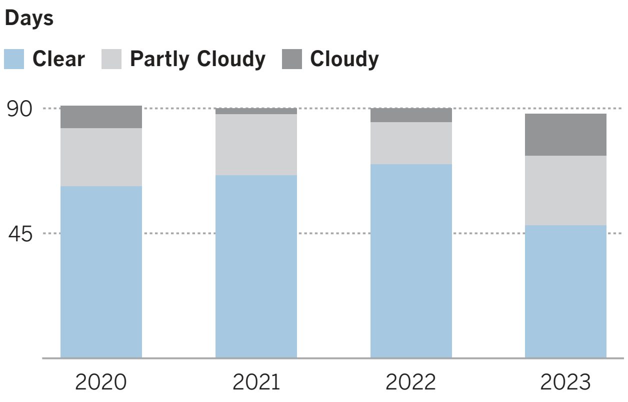
On dreary days like this, Vincent said, they usually stayed put in their Hollywood home — bingeing HBO's "Succession" and watching their ferns and jade plants on the patio get irreparably drenched. It's been mentally draining, they said, "bringing up a lot of melancholy and somberness."

For many Angelenos, this winter felt like the gloomiest in recent memory. According to weather data analyzed by The Times, it really has been the drabbest winter Southern Californians have lived through recently.

[See **Winter,** B4]

Fewer blue skies in 2023

Angelenos haven't seen as many days with clear skies compared with the first three months of past years.



Data for 2023 up to March 29

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Talking about extreme weather with storm-tossed terminology

BY GRACE TOOHEY

Californians have been warned over the last few months about weather ranging from a "vicious heat dome" to back-to-back "atmospheric rivers" and the always-concerning "bomb cyclone."

Though it might feel as though recent weather has been dominated by a string of new phenomena, experts say these terms and events are well-established in the scientific world but simply novel to much of the public.

Many of these meteorological terms have entered the public discourse in recent years due to a combination of factors: more extreme weather in the age of climate change, a new wave of scientific journalism and the virality of the internet and social media, which often helps promote such eye-catching phrases.

"We are hearing these terms more, and I think partially that's in reaction to [the fact that] the weather's gotten crazier," said Jeff Masters, a meteorologist and writer for Yale Climate Connections. The terms "have been around scientifically for a long time, but they're getting dusted

[See **Terms,** B2]

NOAA

A WEATHER pattern heads toward the West Coast.

Little research on our first food

UC San Diego's new institute is first in the nation devoted to studying breast milk.

BY CORINNE PURTILL

It is one of the few foods that nearly everyone on the planet has consumed at some point. It's linked to a host of health benefits, from reducing the risk of asthma and Type 1 diabetes to fighting off infections.

Yet despite the outsize role it plays in sustaining our species, this essential substance — human milk — has been the subject of curiously little research, especially compared with other aspects of diet and reproduction.

On Thursday, UC San Diego formally inaugurated the Human Milk Institute, the first academic institution in the U.S. devoted to a crucial element of human nutrition that science is, in many ways, only beginning to understand.

"I find it fascinating that we know so little about it," said institute director Lars Bode, a sugar biologist at UCSD. "How is it possible that there is an entire biosynthetic pathway in the human body where if you had to put this in a biochemistry textbook, you would have an empty page?"

Roughly 95% of babies consume human milk at some point, according to a 2018 UNICEF report. The American Academy of Pediatrics, the World Health Organization and UNICEF all say it should be the only food given to babies in their first six months of life.

Abundant research has found correlations between an infant diet of human milk and better health outcomes in infancy and later life, including reduced risks of long-term issues such as obesity, cardiovascular disease, childhood leukemia and even sudden infant death syndrome. Although many babies get their milk through breastfeeding, the benefits still apply if it comes from a bottle or hospital feeding tube. The milk doesn't have to be from a biological parent: Unlike blood or bone marrow, there are no biological markers in donated breast milk that limit who can receive it.

Human milk's value to our species is no secret, but many questions about it remain unanswered. Among them: Why does milk produced from a human body have benefits that aren't in formula designed to mimic it as closely as possible? Why does milk supply vary so widely among women, and between individual pregnancies?

And how is it that we've

[See **Institute,** B5]

Ocean expedition reveals 3,300-foot sea mountain

Researchers discover odd-shaped seamount 200 miles off coast of Northern California.

BY CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ

"It's commonly said that we know more about the surface of the moon than we do the bottom of the ocean," said Aurora Elmore of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

A recent discovery provided proof of that maxim: A mountain taller than Sandstone Peak, the highest summit in the Santa Monica Mountains, has been found in the ocean not far off Northern California.

The 3,300-foot-tall sea mountain, or seamount, was found about 200 miles off the coast during an expedition by an unmanned sea mapping vehicle.

Starting last summer, the Saildrone Surveyor — billed as the "world's largest uncrewed ocean mapping vehicle" — spent several months exploring the Aleutian Islands in Alaska and the ocean off California in an expedition funded by NOAA and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

The vehicle mapped more than 13,000 square nautical miles during its expedition.

"When [the sea mountain] was found, people got really excited that there was a big feature that no one was previously aware of and that had not yet been mapped in any kind of detail," Elmore, cooperative institute manager at NOAA, said in an interview with The Times.

The discovery was notable for a couple of reasons, Elmore said — the sea mountain was found in an area where the features are uncommon, and it has an unusual shape.

"There are other seamounts along the coast of California," she said, "none in this exact region, but some to the north and to the south."

Additionally, seamounts are commonly shaped like mountains on land, with sloped sides leading to a peak.

But the one discovered by Saildrone more closely resembles a butte like those found in the deserts of the Southwest.

Its sides are sheer and vertical, and on its top is a 100-foot-deep caldera.

Elmore said researchers do not know why or how the seamount gained its cylindrical shape but said it was

[See **Discovery,** B4]

Saildrone

THE SAILDRONE that mapped the ocean floor.

Mammoth logs snowiest season

With 702 inches, the resort easily breaks a record. Summer skiing, anyone? **B3**

Hackers post housing data

After seeking ransom from the L.A. agency, thieves make the info available online. **B3**

Fan is thrown a curveball

A Dodger Stadium marriage proposal did not go as planned. **B3**

Lottery **B2**

SPORTS ON THE BACK: Angels' Rendon crosses a line, Dylan Hernández writes. B12

Scientific, and attention-grabbing, terminology

ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

FLOODED farmland in Corcoran, Calif. More extreme weather and a new wave of scientific journalism have combined to help promote eye-popping phrases.

[**Terms,** from B1]

off and trotted out here to … capture the extremity of what we're seeing."

James Marshall Shepherd, director of the University of Georgia's Atmospheric Sciences Program, also credits a new wave of meteorological journalism for helping popularize these more scientific — as well as attention-grabbing — terms. That includes meteorologists writing for climate-focused websites or within established news outlets, such as the Washington Post's Capital Weather Gang.

"They started to bring some of that terminology out of the science literature into more popular writing," Marshall Shepherd said. "These things like polar vortex and bombogenesis and atmospheric river and derecho, every one of those have been around for decades, particularly in the atmospheric sciences [and] meteorology literature."

Most call the development overwhelmingly positive, but there's a growing concern that these dramatic-sounding terms can get "misused and abused in different circles," said Daniel Swain, a UCLA climate scientist.

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"I think that sometimes using the more colorful language is helpful in a science communication perspective," Swain said. "But you do need to present things in context."

The polar vortex is one term that multiple meteorologists cite as often misused, pointing out how it has sometimes been inaccurately cited as a developing weather pattern, when it properly refers to a regularly occurring air mass over the Arctic.

To better understand some of these new-sounding weather phenomena, Times staff dived into the archives to see how long these phrases have made the news, and asked experts about their scientific origins and true meaning.

A look at each term

■ **Atmospheric river:** A concentrated stream of water vapor in the middle and lower levels of the atmosphere that travels across the ocean until some landmass obstacle forces it to expel its moisture.

In the scheme of meteorological terms, the "atmospheric river" is relatively new, cited in scientific papers only in the last 30 years, Masters said. He said the phenomenon had been identified as early as 1939, but it wasn't until 1992 that a paper coined the term "tropospheric river." That later morphed into the atmospheric river simply to make the terminology "more accessible," Masters said.

"Now that we have high-resolution satellites and we've been flying research aircraft into these atmospheric rivers, we're really learning a lot more about them that we didn't know," Masters said.

Some of these events are often also referred to as "pineapple expresses," which experts say is a more colloquial term for some atmospheric rivers that originate near the Hawaiian Islands.

The term "atmospheric river" first appeared in The Times in 1993, in a story that focused on the research paper that first named the phenomenon. The phrase didn't reappear for almost two decades, when meteorologists and scientists warned that California could be vulnerable to them.

Much has changed in a decade. So far in 2023, the term has appeared in dozens of Times articles.

> 'We are hearing these terms more, and I think partially that's in reaction to [the fact that] the weather's gotten crazier.'
>
> — JEFF MASTERS, a meteorologist and writer

■ **Bomb cyclone; bombogenesis:** The rapid intensification of a cyclone or low-pressure system; the formation of such a rapidly strengthening system.

The phenomenon was first coined as a "bomb" in a 1980 paper that focused on cyclones rapidly, or explosively, developing, according to the Washington Post. The authors used the word to help convey the strength and danger of such storms, but the phenomenon had long been studied by meteorologists.

"Somehow, it just found its way into the common lingo in recent years, because it is dramatic and it's descriptive," Masters said.

For the public, the term is still relatively new, not having made it into The Times until 2018, when reporters used both "bomb cyclone" and "bombogenesis" to describe a major storm hitting the Northeast.

The phenomenon was credited for the strong and deadly storm that hit California last week, and Swain said the U.S. will probably see another such storm soon.

"There are about 40 or 50 quote-unquote bomb cyclones per year in the Northern Hemisphere," Swain said, but he added that they are more likely to develop over the North Atlantic and in the Gulf of Alaska than off the Northern California coast.

■ **Polar vortex:** Upper-level air masses that regularly circulate over Earth's poles and are typically confined to those regions by the polar jet streams, which can become disrupted, letting some of that cold air escape toward the equator.

This term entered the public's consciousness during some particularly cold storms on the East Coast. It was used in a science writer's 2014 post and picked up by other media. But Masters said the term has been around since the 1930s.

Masters said this term has drawn some of the most concern from him and his peers because it's more of a stratospheric phenomenon — in the atmosphere's higher, second layer — so it's not as relevant meteorologically, though it can have some effect on Earth's weather.

"The weather in the stratosphere doesn't really impact what's going on down on the ground," Masters said, explaining why he usually avoids using the term, which he thinks has been "misused and overhyped."

The Times first used it in a scientific sense in 1992, describing a trip to the Arctic to study the atmosphere there. It wasn't until 2014 that it was used in a weather story.

■ **Heat dome:** A more-colloquial term that describes a hot, high-pressure system that isn't moving anywhere anytime soon.

Experts said this term is not as entrenched in the scientific literature but is still an accurate description for a massive heat wave; some meteorologists have said it could also be considered a heat bubble.

"It's just a big old high-pressure system that's hot," Masters said. "You can think of it as a dome, why not?"

This term was first used in the context of weather in The Times in 2012, describing a long, hot event in Greenland that melted a massive ice sheet. It has been used multiple times in recent years.

■ **Supercell thunderstorm:** A thunderstorm with a rotating updraft, or upward motion, that can cause more extreme weather.

These thunderstorms are some of the most intense and organized storms, which can last several hours and spin off tornadoes or cause hail, experts said.

"You can go back into textbooks 50 years ago and see people talking about supercells," Marshall Shepherd said, calling them "basic meteorology."

But the term hasn't been so common in weather reporting, not appearing in The Times until 1999, when it was mentioned in a story about a chain of tornadoes that swept through Oklahoma and Kansas.

■ **Thundersnow:** A rare combination of thunder and lightning during a snowstorm.

Though far from a new term, Marshall Shepherd thinks the word probably grew in prominence after a Weather Channel meteorologist geeked out as he experienced the phenomenon in Boston 2015.

"Thundersnow is very rare," Marhsall Shepherd said. "It's not that common that you get thunderstorms in a snow environment."

It first made it into The Times in 2007, after thundersnow was recorded in Southern California, and has since had increasing mentions, including this winter.

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Hunter charged in scheme to smuggle sheep

Prosecutors say man flew to San Francisco with corpses of endangered species.

By Andrew J. Campa

A Northern California man who attempted to enter San Francisco airport customs with eight full or partial animal corpses in his personal baggage was indicted last week on allegations of conspiring to violate the Endangered Species Act.

Jason Keith Bruce, 49, of Galt, Calif., was also charged with making false statements and smuggling goods into the United States. Similar charges were handed down against Pir Danish Ali, 43, who runs a hunting outfitter and guide company in Pakistan.

U.S. Atty. Phillip A. Talbert announced the charges on March 23 after Bruce was taken into custody that morning.

If convicted on all charges, Bruce and Ali each could face up to 26 years in prison with a fine of $550,000. The most serious of the charges is smuggling, which carries a maximum of 20 years and $250,000.

Talbert said in a news release that at least 25 hunters contracted Ali between 2013 and 2018, presenting forged documents to import at least 97 trophies into the United States.

The U.S. attorney's office said Bruce paid Ali $50,000 to hunt a Ladakh urial, an endangered horned sheep, in Pakistan. The goal was to ultimately smuggle the trophy — either the entire body or a part — into the United States.

Ali informed Bruce, a recreational big game hunter, that a recent survey showed there were only 180 urials in the area where they hunted. Urials are listed as endangered on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Environmental Conservation Online System.

Fish and Wildlife Inspector David Yake said urials are protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, known as CITES. The treaty was signed by the United States, Pakistan and 184 nations worldwide.

"CITES isn't an international law, but an understanding among countries that they will use national laws to enforce and protect endangered animals," Yake said. "In the case of the U.S., even though the urial was killed in Pakistan, we're allowed to use the Endangered Species Act to prosecute."

Yake said urials "have the highest order of protection" on CITES' website, meaning a hunter would need permission and permits from both the United States and Pakistan to hunt and export the animal.

Ali and Bruce agreed to rely on bribery and false documents, the U.S. attorney's office alleges, to import the animal. The plan was to declare the animal to Customs and Border Patrol as another species and use forged or fake documents for backup.

Bruce flew into San Francisco on March 29, 2018, with the eight trophies and was stopped by the customs office, which handed him over to Fish and Wildlife. The agency seized Bruce's trophies.

The U.S. attorney's office said both men conspired to lie about their catch with Fish and Wildlife Service officials.

Lauren Horwood, a spokesperson for the U.S. attorney's office, said the indictment was the culmination of a five-year investigation conducted by the Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Law Enforcement.

Photographs by Wally Skalij Los Angeles Times

VEHICLES AND HOMES around Mammoth Mountain are buried March 7. The resort, which has recorded 702 inches of snow at its main lodge, says it is extending its season and will be open through at least July.

It's official: Mammoth had its snowiest season ever — by a lot

The resort has blown past the record by 30 inches — with more likely to come.

By Terry Castleman

Mammoth Mountain this week broke its snowfall record — by a lot.

"We just blew through our all-time season snowfall record" of 668 inches, the resort said in an Instagram post Tuesday, reporting that 28-30 inches had fallen since the day before. "We've received 695 [inches] of snowfall to date at Main Lodge, making the 22/23 season the biggest in our history!"

The resort got an additional 7 inches Wednesday, bringing the season total to 702 inches.

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Mammoth Lakes
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THE TOPOGRAPHY of the Mammoth area makes it prone to heavy snowfall. While skiers are happy, spring runoff is a concern for those at lower altitudes.

Snowpack in the Southern Sierra is at record levels, and the statewide record is within reach.

The resort, which draws more than 1 million skiers each winter, has announced that it will extend its season in what spokeswoman Lauren Burke said "is likely to be the best spring skiing and riding the eastern Sierra has ever seen."

The typical season at Mammoth Mountain starts around Thanksgiving and ends at Memorial Day.

Indeed, the Instagram post closed with optimism: "We'll be open daily through at least July!"

Mammoth gets heavy snow due to its altitude and topography. In most years, Pacific storms hit the western slopes of the Sierra and rise into thinner atmosphere against the ridges. Relative humidity climbs, ice particles congeal, and snow falls — mostly in the highest, uninhabited interior — as clouds are wrung dry by the 12,000- to 14,000-foot peaks.

But at the resort, storms roll up the deep gorge of the middle fork of the San Joaquin River, rising quickly to a wide break between the high peaks, known as the Mammoth Pass, at just 9,300 feet above sea level.

Clouds funnel through the pass and dump snow with a vengeance, particularly on volcanic Mammoth Mountain, which rises to 11,059 feet.

Though the snowfall is good news for skiers, it spells trouble for those who live on the mountain.

A Times photographer documented residents trying to dig out of "walls of snow" in early March.

Snowmelt will be a concern as temperatures warm up.

In a worst-case scenario, massive snowmelt in the coming weeks could inundate towns along U.S. Highway 395, which winds along the base of snow-clad Sierra peaks. Meanwhile, officials with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power are worried that record runoff in Mono and Inyo counties could overwhelm the city's network of aqueducts.

Times staff writers Louis Sahagún, Joe Mozingo and Christopher Reynolds contributed to this report.

Hackers post data stolen from Housing Authority

The thieves make the trove available online after trying to extract ransom from agency.

By Terry Castleman and Doug Smith

After extending a deadline for weeks in an attempt to extract a ransom, hackers have posted a trove of data seized late last year from the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles.

A notice posted on the dark web site LockBit late Thursday said all available data had been uploaded.

It was not immediately clear whether personally identifiable information like addresses or phone numbers was included in the documents. By Friday afternoon, the site had gone down, as Lockbit's dark web sites often do.

HACLA, one of the nation's largest public housing authorities, provides affordable housing to more than 83,000 households in its Public Housing and Section 8 rental assistance programs, and offers a range of permanent supportive housing programs for homeless households.

Brett Callow, a threat analyst for the New Zealand-based cybersecurity firm Emsisoft, said the hackers posted the data in two tranches, the first on March 9. A banner announcing, 'ALL FILES UPLOADED" was then posted at 9:08 p.m. Thursday local time.

Callow, who alerted The Times to the posting, said he had not accessed the data because he had "no reason to further invade folks' privacy."

But he said the hackers posted an 88-megabyte text document with an index of all the files they claimed to have posted.

Individuals who deploy the LockBit malware first published screenshots on Dec. 31 representing what they claimed were 15 terabytes of data they had seized and giving the housing agency until Jan. 12 to pay a ransom.

In its initial ransom demand, the group published what appeared to be a bank statement and a list of folders. The folder names suggested a broad range of data ranging from sensitive to mundane — from payroll, audits and taxes to a 2021 holiday video.

The size of the data set and the structure of the folders suggested that the attack targeted a shared file storage system and not a single machine.

The housing agency had not responded Friday afternoon to The Times' questions about whether a ransom was paid and about what steps it had taken to notify and protect those who may have been exposed.

Possible illegal uses of any personal data would be identity fraud or the public disclosure of documents relating to disciplinary proceedings and alleged harassment, Callow said.

"That can obviously be very uncomfortable for the individuals involved and could even be used for blackmail," he said.

LockBit was described as "one of the most active and destructive ransomware variants in the world" in a 2022 criminal complaint filed by the Department of Justice against an alleged participant.

The complaint claimed that members of LockBit had made more than $100 million in ransom demands since January 2020, successfully extracting "tens of millions" from victims.

A similar attack against the Los Angeles Unified School District by hacker group Vice Society resulted in the release of thousands of files last fall when the school district refused to pay.

The attack cut staff and students off from email and knocked out systems that teachers use to post lessons and take attendance.

Fatal police shooting closes 10 Freeway

Authorities say three officers returned fire at suspect during gun battle in East L.A.

By Nathan Solis

Monterey Park police officers shot and killed a man in a gun battle Friday morning on the 10 Freeway in East Los Angeles, shutting down traffic in both directions into Friday night and causing a major traffic backup, authorities said.

Police tried to pull over a white BMW they said was linked to a March 14 robbery in Los Angeles when the suspect began to shoot at officers, prompting the fatal interaction. The incident began shortly after 10 a.m.

When officers attempted to pull the driver over, he fled, and a police pursuit began, authorities said. Police pursued the vehicle westbound on the 10 Freeway from Atlantic Boulevard to around Campus Road.

The suspect began to shoot at officers with a semiautomatic handgun from inside his vehicle, according to Sgt. Arlene Chaidez with the Monterey Park Police Department. The driver's car became disabled near the center divider of the freeway, and the suspect got out and tried to run away, still firing at officers, she said.

Three Monterey Park officers fired back at the suspect and struck him, Chaidez said. Police provided aid to the man until paramedics with the Los Angeles County Fire Department arrived, but he died at the scene, according to police.

Detectives with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department were investigating the shooting. The Monterey Park Police Department was leading the investigation.

As officers investigated the shooting, the freeway remained closed in both directions for about 10 hours.

Dodger fan's marriage proposal came out of left field

By Nathan Solis

During the Dodgers' season opener, it was a brutal tackle that got one of the biggest reactions from the crowd.

A fan who was proposing to his girlfriend Thursday on the outfield at Dodger Stadium was tackled by a security guard. A video of the incident has gone viral.

It was not in vain: She said yes, according to an Instagram post from Ramona Saavedra, who posted a picture of herself wearing a ring.

"Tad bit extreme," Saavedra said in a photo with fiance Ricardo Juarez. "But he's a LEO. What can you expect. And of course I said YES!"

The Dodgers beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 8-2.

The air was brisk, and the Dodgers were ahead 7-2 when the seventh-inning stretch began.

That's when Juarez climbed from the stands into left field and ran out several yards. He beamed with excitement as he got down on one knee, as shown in video posted to social media. Wearing a Dodgers shirt and hat, Juarez held up a ring and beamed as fans cheered him on. He was then violently tackled by a uniformed security guard. Several additional security guards piled on top of Juarez as his hat flew off.

Diamondbacks left fielder Lourdes Gurriel Jr., who was warming up in the outfield, can be seen in the video throwing up his arms as the security guards lead Juarez away.

In pictures posted to her Instagram, Saavedra said Juarez was detained by security and taken to a Los Angeles Police Department station. After he was released, the couple traveled home on a party bus.

The Dodgers' front office declined to comment.

‘A lot of melancholy and somberness’

[**Winter,** from B1]

Meteorologists will be quick to tell you there is no scientific definition of dreary. Unlike rainfall and snow depth, both carefully monitored by the National Weather Service, no TV forecaster is calculating just how often the weather made Angelenos feel like hiding under the covers.

But the National Weather Service does track the average sky cover between sunrise and sunset each day.

The Times analyzed four years of weather data recorded over downtown Los Angeles for January through March. The city saw about 15 more cloudy days this year compared with the previous years, the data show.

According to the National Weather Service, a day is considered cloudy when 80% or more of the sky is covered by clouds. A partly cloudy day is when cloud cover falls between 40% and 70% of the sky. Days where clouds cover less than 40% of sky are considered clear.

The cloudy spell is something sun-deficient Southern Californians probably already sensed.

One purveyor of light therapy lamps, which blast users with artificial light, says sales are up by 50% in Los Angeles compared with last winter. A salesperson at a Hollywood plant shop says they’ve seen more of their customers complaining of plants wilting from lack of sunlight — as well as those clearly left out in one too many rainstorms. Some health professionals say they’ve seen an uptick in patients experiencing common symptoms of seasonal affective disorder, a form of depression related to a change in seasons.

Luis Sinco Los Angeles Times

STORM CLOUDS blow over Long Beach in February. One purveyor of light therapy lamps says sales are up by 50% in Los Angeles compared with last winter.

A cloudy start to 2023 in L.A.

During the first three months of 2023, downtown Los Angeles spent more days under cloud cover than in recent years.

Days with at least partial cloud cover

Year	January	February	March
2020	6	4	19
2021	8	7	9
2022	6	7	7
2023	14	10	16

Data for 2023 up to March 29

National Weather Service

Phi Do Los Angeles Times

“It’s a lot of wanting to sleep more, having difficulty getting out of bed,” said Sierra Kuzava, a clinical psychologist at UCLA Health. People are “feeling like something is hanging over their head — because it is.”

There are a few reasons unrelenting gray days can wreak havoc on people’s mental health, she said. Lack of sunlight can disrupt people’s internal clocks, making them sleepy at the wrong times and dampening their mood. It can also decrease levels of serotonin, a chemical messenger that regulates mood, appetite and sleep. Plus, bad weather means plans for mood-lifting activities, such as riding a bike or walking on a beach, get squashed.

Kuzava says she likes to remind her patients of one bright spot: The gray days are numbered.

“It can be really helpful to identify that there’s this link between the weather and how you’re feeling in part because it helps you recognize that you will probably feel better when the weather changes,” she said. “That alone can be helpful.”

One other way to quantify just how dreary it’s been: the number of rainy days that have forced people inside.

“It’s probably in the top 10 as far as gloomiest winters because of just how many stormy days we’ve had,” said National Weather Service meteorologist Ryan Kittell.

Kittell said downtown Los Angeles gets, on average, 29 rainy days in the six months between October and March. Between October 2022 and March of this year, there have been 46 days where it rained.

On only four other occasions have Angelenos endured more rainy days between October and March. The record was set in 1940-41, a particularly soggy period in Los Angeles history that saw it rain on 51 days.

Since October, 27.42 inches of rain have has fallen on downtown L.A., according to the National Weather Service. That’s more than the famously rainy cities of Portland, Ore., which has had 26.03 inches, and Seattle, which has had 22.50 inches.

Spencer Pennington moved from the outskirts of Seattle to Los Angeles in the fall of 2020. Unlike his perennially drizzly hometown, he says, Los Angeles seems to break down during the downpours.

Pennington said the hilly street in front of his Westwood home has routinely turned into a small river during the storms.

“This is like ‘Blade Runner’-type L.A.,” he said. “It’s not like Randy Newman’s ‘I Love L.A.’ ”

But, residential torrents notwithstanding, he said he and Los Angeles natives tend to have diverging opinions on what exactly constitutes a gloomy day.

“I’m like, ‘This? This is mist! This is almost beach weather where I’m from,’ ” he said. “It’s culturally relative.”

Discovery points up limits of sea maps

[**Discovery,** from B1] most likely a volcanic formation.

“We would need to do more tests and go back and collect geologic samples and sedimentary samples in order to better understand the environment that the seamount is in as well as how it might have formed,” she said.

The mapping of the seafloor for features such as seamounts and canyons is important not only for finding geological hazards but for ecological reasons as well, Elmore said.

“There are species, especially of fish that prefer to live in a certain water depth, and they island-hop from one seamount to another,” she said.

“Without the seamount’s unique ecosystems, they wouldn’t have enough food to eat; they wouldn’t be able to be at their preferred depth range.”

Deep-sea fisheries could use the information to find new fishing grounds, she said.

The recent discovery “is just a really good example of all the things we don’t yet know about the bottom of the ocean,” she said, noting that roughly 50% of the ocean floor in U.S. territorial waters remains unmapped.

“We don’t even have a general understanding of a lot of what’s down there,” Elmore said.

“So I think this is sort of a reminder to all of us in the ocean sciences about how much remains to be explored and discovered in the deep sea.”

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Name Change

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CASE NO. 23VECP00119

Petitioner or Attorney (name, state, bar, and address):
Louise Darnell Young
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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:
Petitioner Louise Darnell Young filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
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Proposed Name
Darnell Louise Young
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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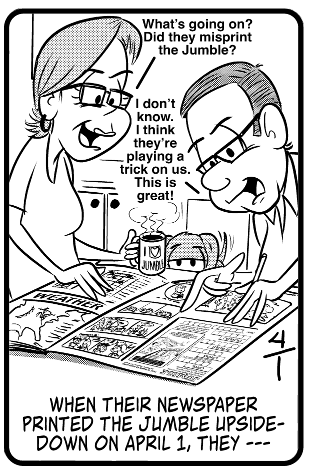
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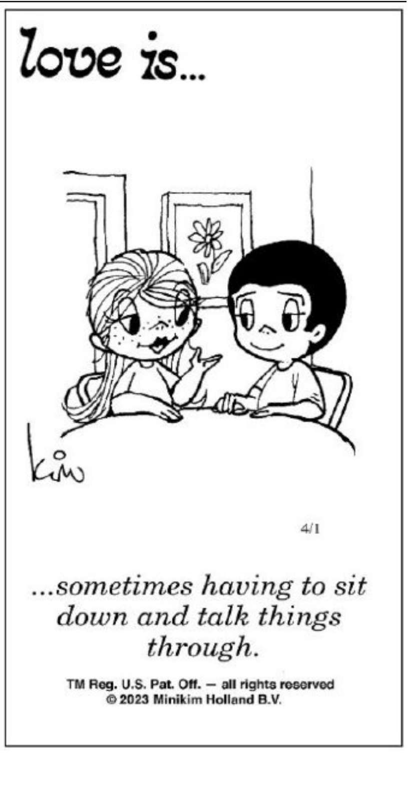

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Lawyer firm ads a case of cultural irony

[**Shyong,** from B1]
said.

Warmuth grew up outside of Seattle, and, before he began his law career, he served as an elected city councilman when he was 18. At just over 6 feet, he strikes an imposing figure on billboards, staring down the camera with a confident smile and folded arms. In person, he's more reserved and thoughtful, prone to boyish excitement.

To reach the Chinese community, he said, he needed Chinese-speaking people. Warmuth's Taiwanese partner helped make introductions to key members of the community. And Tammy Wong, his office manager and one of the firm's early employees, helped the firm establish a presence in the Chinese community.

Warmuth is competitive and passionate about marketing, and he admits his interest in cultural communication was part of a strategy to become the top law firm in the area. (Wong, now 70, is quite competitive too, if the framed Chinese calligraphy in her San Gabriel office spelling the word "victory" is any indication.)

Advocating for Chinese clients helped him understand the realities of racism and discrimination, he said. Back then, insurance companies discriminated against people with foreign names and were prone to accusing immigrant claimants of fraud without real cause, Warmuth said. Chinese clients often would get suspiciously low insurance payouts or no payments at all for routine claims.

Wong, whose family immigrated to New York City from Hong Kong in 1969, said she wasn't very impressed with Warmuth at first.

"It was a tiny office, and there were only four people. But I didn't care — I just wanted to learn," Wong said.

Wong grew up in the Bronx and had worked as an insurance agent when she first came to Monterey Park. She saw Warmuth's advertisement in the World Journal, a Chinese-language newspaper, and applied for a job handling paperwork.

> 'My Taiwanese friend at the time said, "You need to be white." There was a big portion of the population that felt it was better to have a white attorney.'
>
> — SCOTT WARMUTH

She had no legal background, but she was fluent in Mandarin, Cantonese, English and Taishanese, a Chinese dialect often spoken by residents of American Chinatowns. And she understood the fears and anxieties of recent immigrants trying to navigate a new system. Her hard-nosed, plain-spoken manner quickly made her Warmuth's point person for the Chinese American community.

Wong attended banquets, fundraisers and other events on the firm's behalf. She fielded questions from Chinese-language media, signed up clients and quickly became essential to the business.

Warmuth said cultural intelligence has had a tangible impact. When he first began the business, he adopted a Chinese name: Hua Ming Si. But the last word in his name is a cognate for the Chinese word for death, which bothers more superstitious clientele.

One of his Chinese employees suggested that he change it to Hua Ming Sheng. The change brought a sharp and lasting uptick in business, Warmuth said.

Wong and Warmuth also co-hosted a segment on Chinese-language radio station KAZN AM 1300 in which they answered legal questions from callers and explained aspects of the criminal justice system.

Wong now hosts the segment by herself, though she consults with Warmuth on topics requiring an attorney's input. One recent week, the segment covered domestic violence and criminal law relating to family members, and how police are likely to make an arrest if they respond to a case of suspected domestic violence.

Wong avoids referring to cases that Chinese immigrants might not know about. She knows Chinese clients are preoccupied with getting a good deal, so she encourages them to shop around and explains the process before trying to sell them on Warmuth's firm.

After the first billboard, Wong and Warmuth began to appear side by side on the advertisements. Now Wong shares some of Warmuth's fame. She laments the fact that she now has to wear makeup and get dressed up whenever she leaves the house, lest she be recognized in her pajamas at the grocery store.

Warmuth said it's more common for Chinese attorneys to use Chinese faces on advertisements now.

"When I started there were very few Chinese professionals compared to today. Now there are far more, and that's a choice that wasn't there 40 years ago," Warmuth said. "And that's a good thing."

Warmuth still has 16 billboards around the area. Recently they began appearing in a language the firm had never used before: English.

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SCOTT WARMUTH with Tammy Wong, his office manager, who helped his law firm establish a presence in San Gabriel Valley's Chinese community.

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Filling a nutrition research vacuum

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BOTTLES of donated breast milk are prepared for pasteurization at the UC Health Milk Bank, part of the university's new Human Milk Institute.

[**Institute,** from B1]
been lactating for as long as we've been on the planet and still don't know this stuff?

Some half-dozen U.S. universities have institutes devoted to wine. Vanderbilt University has had an institute for the study of coffee since 1999.

In a 2018 TED talk, Katie Hinde, director of the Comparative Lactation Lab at Arizona State University, said the National Library of Medicine has more studies devoted to tomatoes than to human milk.

"That we know so much less about breast milk, the first fluid a young mammal is adapted to consume, should make us angry," she said in her talk.

At UCSD, the new institute's three main components are Bode's lab, the Mother-Milk-Infant Center of Research Excellence; the UC Health Milk Bank, which distributed 200,000 ounces of donated breast milk last year; and the Human Milk Research Biorepository, which holds more than 50,000 samples of donated human milk for use in scientific research.

"There's so much milk coming through here, we can really drive research," said Dr. Lisa Stellwagen, a pediatrician and co-director of the institute who runs the milk bank. Being able to understand immediately how a pathogen affects the food supply for babies is essential, she said, adding that, in a crisis, "you can't shut down breastfeeding."

This became apparent when COVID-19 hit. Though the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization encouraged parents to continue breastfeeding, there was no reliable data on whether the coronavirus could pass to children through infected milk.

Epidemiologist Christina Chambers, who runs the biorepository, put out a call for milk donations from nursing mothers who suspected or knew they had caught the coronavirus. Working with Bode's lab and infectious-disease pediatricians at UCLA, they were able to determine that the SARS-CoV-2 virus was not present in quantities that could infect a baby, and that pasteurization eliminated any traces of it in donated milk.

Even before their study was published in the Journal of the American Medical Assn. in August 2020, the WHO posted a version to its website, offering assurance that it was safe to continue breastfeeding.

Being able to analyze the effects of new medications, diseases and vaccines on human milk is essential, said Chambers, who is a co-director of the milk institute. "Women who are lactating have to take medications and get vaccines just like everybody else," she said. "In the absence of information, women will choose not to breastfeed or not to take a needed medication, neither of which is optimal for them or the baby."

The institute aims to collaborate with researchers who may not even realize their work has any bearing on human lactation.

Bode's lab has funded early-stage research projects that used milk to study treatments for cardiovascular disease, understand the intestinal microbiome and develop a biosensor that can detect certain compounds in milk in minutes.

The institute's long-term goals include establishing a medical board certification in breastfeeding. The closest thing currently available to physicians is a certification from the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners, though that coursework was designed for nurses and breastfeeding support consultants.

The absence of a board specialty in lactation "is really a gap," Stellwagen said.

Bode too marveled that a profession with more than 160 specialties and subspecialties does not have one called lactology. "To me, that's mind-boggling," he said.

Translating the research at the Human Milk Institute into real-life improvements in the health of babies and mothers will require change far beyond its walls. Feeding a baby nothing but breast milk requires that a mother have both the time to produce it and access to help if any health issues affect her supply. In the U.S., families with lower socioeconomic status tend to have lower breastfeeding rates.

"Scientifically decoding the complexities of human milk is a vital component for improving human health," Hinde said, "but only if we as a society do more to support babies and families, from legislation that ensures paid parental leave to universal access to lactation support and baby-friendly hospitals."

Bode agrees.

"This is not just an academic exercise. We want to have an impact on the local and the global community when it comes to public health," he said. "We need to be working with the communities, working with other stakeholders, working with policymakers. That's absolutely the goal."

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BALENDONCK, Marybel

October 3, 1925 - February 28, 2023

Marybel Balendonck led a long life of achievements in the field of American bonsai and enjoyed a long career in office administration and contract management in Texas and California.

Marybel was born in Dallas, Texas, worked in a variety of professional offices there including the electronics firm Texas Instruments, obtained a pilot's license while working at a Dallas area airport, and later was a contract administrator for Hughes Tool in Orange County.

She married William (Bill) Balendonck in 1949 and the couple lived and worked in Dallas before moving to Fullerton, California in 1965, and buying a group of small apartment buildings.

Marybel became intrigued with the ancient Japanese discipline of bonsai cultivation, and hosted classes in her Fullerton garage led by John Naka, who is widely acknowledged as the father of American bonsai.

When John Naka invited her to join his select club of bonsai artists based in Southern California, Nampu Kai, she was the first non-Japanese member.

In 1982, Marybel helped found the National Bonsai Foundation, which was created to oversee the national bonsai collection at the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum at the National Arboretum in Washington D.C . She was instrumental in raising funds to build the John Naka American Pavilion of Bonsai adjacent to the Japanese Pavilion, which houses bonsai given to the U.S. by Japan to celebrate the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976.

She stood next to John Naka and his wife Alice when the Naka Pavilion was dedicated in October 1990. She became vice president of The National Bonsai Foundation, which oversees the museum. Her magnificent elm forest is part of the museum collection, and her liquidambar grove and other bonsai she cultivated are housed at the Huntington Library, Art Galleries, and Botanical Gardens in San Mateo.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews, and was preceded in death by her husband Bill in 1977.

Services are pending. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the National Bonsai Foundation at https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=nbf&id=24.

GOLDBERG, Joseph "Joe"

June 26, 1937 - March 24, 2023

Joseph "Joe" Goldberg of Bell Canyon, CA was born in Youngstown, OH. Joe leaves his wife of 54 years, Lee Goldberg; daughters Davene Peruzzini & Liane Goldberg; granddaughter Nicole (Chad) Marston, brother Irving Goldberg, nieces & nephews.

MILLER, Martin "Marty"

Martin "Marty" Miller, age 86. Beloved husband of Marilyn; loving father of Beth (Neil) Sammons and Cindy (Ken) Goodman; cherished grandfather of Stephanie, Lauren, Jason and Sam; brother to Bob Miller; uncle to Brian Miller.

Services Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 12 (noon) at Hillside Memorial Park Mortuary 800-576-1994.

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MIYUKI, Edith Toshie

Edith Toshie Miyuki, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2023 with her family by her side.

Toshie was born in Honolulu, Hawaii to Kazumi and Fujiko Miyawaki in 1926. At the age of 8, in 1934 she went to Hiroshima, Japan and attended the prestigious all girls school of Shintoku Jogako where she graduated at the top of her class. Her stay in Japan was unexpectedly lengthened by the outbreak of the war and the atomic bomb. She worked in Hiroshima at the Government Tax Office (Zeimusho) and returned to Honolulu in 1947 at the age of 21 where she worked at the Hawaii Times as a Linotype Operator. Her Linotype skills were utilized at the Rafu Shimpo when she came to Los Angeles in 1954 and worked there till 1962. She married Rev. Dr. Mokusen Miyuki in 1959 and they had 2 daughters. She returned to work in 1973 at The Bank of Tokyo which later became Union Bank where she worked till her retirement in 2010. Throughout her life in Los Angeles, she enjoyed keeping busy volunteering at the Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple and socializing and cooking for friends and family as often as she could.

Toshie is survived by her daughters, Margaret Noriko (Matthew Peter) and Agnes Tomoko (Eric McShane), and her grandchildren, Ryan Satoshi and Tyler Takashi; brother, Dr Edison Hiroyuki Miyawaki; sister, Mary Kimiko Miyawaki; niece, Natolie Chikako Ochi; nephews, Dr. Edison Kazumi Miyawaki, Jr. and Dr. Lloyd Tomoaki Miyawaki.

She is predeceased by her devoted husband, Rev. Dr. Mokusen Miyuki; her brother, Richard Masanori Miyawaki; and sister, Grace Sachiko Miyawaki.

Funeral Services will be held at Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple, 505 E. 3rd St., L.A., CA 90013 on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at 2 p.m.

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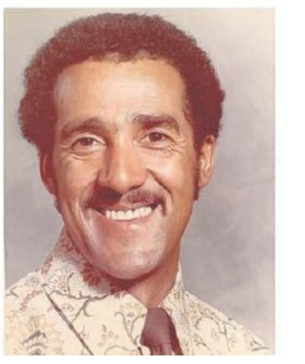

John Pierpont Richards

April 6, 1929 - March 23, 2023

John passed away peacefully just shy of his 94th birthday. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts but spent his youth between Boston and Jamaica. After high school, he spent five years in a Mississippi seminary as Brother Paul. From the seminary, he joined the Army in 1950 and fought in the Korean War. John then relocated to the West Coast and has lived in the LA area for the past sixty years. He worked for several companies, retiring after a 25-yr career teaching high school for the LA district. In addition to his faith in God, sense of humor and world knowledge, John will be remembered for the variety of interests he enjoyed during his lifetime: traveling, foreign languages, leather craftsmanship, drafting, graphology, cosmetology, dancing, reading, volunteering at UCLA Medical, tinkering with mechanics and Jamaican food. John is survived by his sister, Marjorie Curtis, nine nieces and nephews, a large extended family as well as cherished lifelong friendships. John was a genuine, warm-hearted soul who will be missed dearly.

MOTOYAMA, Evelyn Ayako

January 3, 1930 - March 8, 2023

Evelyn Ayako Motoyama, 93-year-old, Los Angeles-born, resident of Burbank peacefully passed away at Nikkei Senior Garden on March 8, 2023. She is survived by her loving family; son, Larry Motoyama; also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral service was held at San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple on Tuesday, March 21, Reverend Patricia Usuki officiating.

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VOROTINOVA, Bronya

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WHITLOCK, John Harrison

November 29, 1933 - February 21, 2023

John Whitlock passed away February 21, 2023 after a short illness. He was 89 years old. John worked in the women's fashion industry his whole life. He served In the Air Force during the Korean War. He graduated from Woodbury College with a degree in business. He is preceded in death by his parents Jule and Louise and sister Peg. He is also preceded in death by his life partner Bob Brown. He is survived by his Niece Debbie and her husband Roger, Great nephew and Nieces Eric (Renee), Stacy (Monte), and Kelli (John) and great great Nephew and nieces Jordan, Savanah, Kayla, John Jr., Royce, Rusty and Sierra.

His service is Wednesday April 5th. 2023 at Forest Lawn Glendale at 9:30 am. in the Wee Kirk of the Heather Chapel. A celebration of life will immediately follow in the Garden Room at the Los Feliz Tower's.

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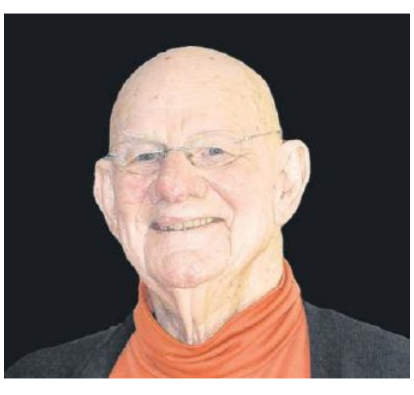

Dr. Frank Menefee Kline

May 14, 1928 - March 7, 2023

Dr. Frank Menefee Kline died peacefully at home in Rolling Hills Estates on March 7. He is survived by his children, Dr. Margaret Lynn Kline and Frank F Kline (Mary), his grandsons Dylan (Julia) and Jason (Devonne), and his great-granddaughter Charlie Monroe Kline as well as by his caregivers, Justina and Carter Bridgman. He was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Shirley, in 2020.

He was born on May 14, 1928 in Cumberland, Maryland, the son of Margaret Menefee Kline and Frank Kline. He graduated from Laurel High School in 1945 and received his BS and MD (1952) degrees from the University of Maryland. He also earned a PhD from the Southern California Psychotherapy Institute in 1977. He did an internship at Cincinnati General Hospital, meeting Shirley when he delivered a sample to the hospital lab where she worked. He then served in the US Army Medical Core which briefly brought him and Shirley to Lompoc California. They vowed to return to the land of good weather and did so for Frank to complete his psychiatric residency at the Brentwood VA Hospital in 1958. They never left, living in Santa Monica Canyon and then Rolling Hills Estates.

He maintained a private practice of psychiatry and psychoanalysis (1958-1983). He leaves a legacy of psychiatrists that he trained including at County/USC Medical Center (1960-1977), UCI/Long Beach VA Medical Center (1977-1991), and Martin Luther King Medical Center (1992-2002). He has over forty publications.

In his "spare" time he was the family photographer, clearly indicated by the lack of photos of him, instilled a love of nature and the outdoors in his children and their friends, coached son Frank's baseball team (and then had the good sense to hire a UCLA baseball player), helped with horse shows in Malibu that were run by Shirley (once epically driving a manual-transmission water truck through Malibu Canyon from the valley), built furniture and made picture frames in his wood shop, supported St Luke's Church, and maintained good friendships with many people.

In lieu of flowers, please be like Frank and do something to help someone: take them to lunch, listen to them, encourage their dreams and passions, donate to your favorite charity, help fund an academic scholarship, take a dog for a walk, buy a book for someone, offer them a ride someplace, and so on.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 pm on May 14 at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, 26285 Rolling Hills Rd., Rolling Hills Estates, CA.

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Level: Moderate

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Solutions to Friday's puzzles

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 or 2-by-3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 (or 1 to 6 for the smaller grid). For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk*.

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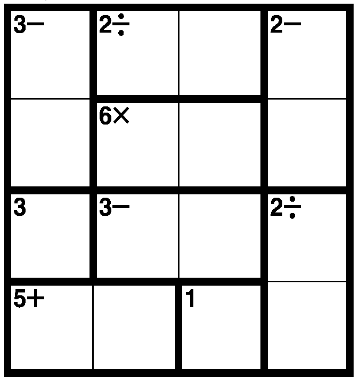
Every box will contain a number; numbers depend on the size of the grid. For a 6x6 puzzle, use Nos. 1-6. Do not repeat a number in any row or column. The numbers in each heavily outlined set of squares must combine to produce the target number found in the top left corner of the cage using the mathematical operation indicated. A number can be repeated within a cage as long as it is not in the same row or column.

EASY



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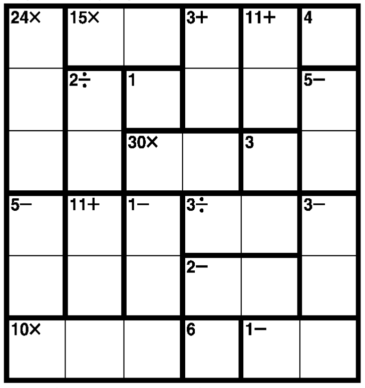

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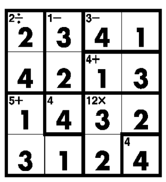

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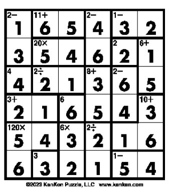

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HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis

Aries (March 21-April 19): People think work makes things happen, and it does, but playfulness can also do the trick today.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Sometimes you doubt your ability to work a room. Just talk to one person at a time. Every time you interact, you polish your gift with a new layer of experience.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Your heart will speak to you on a primal level. The heart's dictates may not make practical sense, but don't let that stop you from following.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You're well qualified to take up your own cause, but just because you can doesn't mean you should.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep changing things up. Under this moon, you'll be sensitive to other people's need for entertainment; you are "on" when you need to be.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your work will be complimented, and you'll be praised for the effort you put into relationships too. Don't take it to mean that you must perform to be loved.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Once you get rolling you tend to stay in motion. This is why your morning routine is so crucial to productivity.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Most ideas about what's normal are constructs based on a very small slice of circumstances. If you want to do it differently, you'll get your chance. Seize it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's not always appropriate or helpful to finish what you started, but it usually is. Once you go back and tie off the loop, you'll get a surge of fresh motivation.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): To have a deep knowledge that your worthiness is intrinsic releases you from the need to impress anyone, or the fear that you won't.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): People are really listening to you today, which makes you want to be sure your message is accurate. You'll apply your influence to a meaningful aim.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Once you let yourself reveal a few flaws and vulnerabilities, you will liberate others to do the same.

Today's birthday (April 1): Welcome to your year of the golden touch. You'll use it to turn trash into treasure, competitors into allies and outlandish ideas into profitable ones. You'll also use it to beautify and organize your domestic life. Highlights: paying a low price for valuable education, an adventure in the natural world and team wins. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Lucky numbers: 12, 7, 42, 18, 33.

Mathis writes her column for Creators Syndicate Inc. The horoscope should be read for entertainment.

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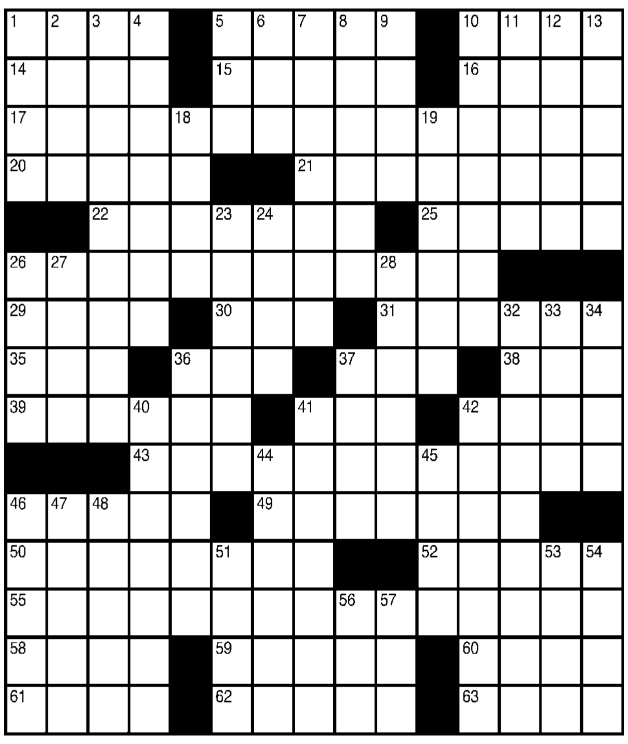

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45 Dance style for Moana
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51 Chuck alternative
53 Actress Hayworth
54 Focus of the National Girls Collaborative Project
56 Story __
57 Gender prefix

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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BRIDGE

By Frank Stewart

Mark Dahl of Richmond, Va., was declarer in today's deal from a crucial match in the Mixed Swiss Teams at the Fall NABC. (West's two clubs showed length in both majors; North's two spades showed club length plus a spade stopper. Dahl's 3NT was bold.)

West led a low heart, and East took the king and returned the jack. When Dahl's queen covered, West played low to keep communication.

Declarer next led a club to dummy's ace, getting the bad news; West threw a spade, so Dahl couldn't profit by setting up the clubs. Instead, he led a club to his king, cashed four spade tricks and exited with his last heart. West took three hearts but then had to lead a diamond from his king. Making three!

At the other table, West led a spade against 3NT, and declarer got home with less difficulty. At Dahl's table, the contract could have been defeated: East needed to play his jack of hearts at Trick One.

Dahl's good play helped his team to a second-place finish in the event.

You hold: ♠ A 4 ♥ 6 2 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ A 9 8 5 3 2. Your partner opens 1NT, and the next player bids two spades. What do you say?

Answer: Don't bother to mention your clubs. Bid 3NT. Once in a great while, your partner will fail at 3NT when your side could have made a game — or at least gotten a plus score — at a club contract, but the nine-trick game is most likely to succeed, especially when you have semi-balanced pattern and a trick in spades.

East dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 4
♥ 6 2
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A 9 8 5 3 2

WEST
♠ 9 8 6 5 3 2
♥ A 8 7 5 3
♦ K 3
♣ None

EAST
♠ J
♥ K J 4
♦ J 10 8 6 4
♣ Q J 6 4

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 7
♥ Q 10 9
♦ A 9 7
♣ K 10 7

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	1♣	2♣	2♠
3♥	3 NT	All Pass	

Opening lead — ♥ 5

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ASK AMY

Freaked out by FaceTime

Dear Amy: I am a widow. I've been in a relationship with "Bernie," a widower, for nine years. We live quite a distance apart and trade off weekends together.

A few years ago, when Bernie established a FaceTime account, he included the name of his late wife on it. When he FaceTimes with me, the notification comes in from "BernieandBernice."

I have asked him to change it, and his reply is that he cannot change it and that he still "cares about her." Obviously, he does not want to change it.

It's as though he is including her in our personal, sometimes intimate conversations. He says I'm too sensitive; I say he's IN-sensitive.

I feel it is disrespectful to me, and also to his late wife.

It hurts me terribly every time I get a FaceTime call from him. And, if he were to contact friends of mine through FaceTime and the two names appeared this way, I'd find it humiliating.

I have told only a few friends about this. They say they would never tolerate such insulting disregard.

What do you suggest?

Tired

Dear Tired: I am assuming that because Bernie lives on his own, he likely has photos, objects and memorabilia from their lives together, honoring her legacy.

You believe he chose this particular "handle" for his FaceTime calls after you two started seeing one another, but FaceTime handles often are tied to an email account, and if he and Bernice shared an account, this handle would turn up on FaceTime.

He could unlink FaceTime from his email and have it identified by his phone number (go to settings/FaceTime and uncheck the box next to the email address).

You are triggered and saddened by this very specific thing. This one thing. Bernie remains intractable.

If receiving these FaceTime calls upsets you so much, then you should stop accepting them. Don't make a big deal about it. Just tell him that you can't seem to get over this particular hill.

Perhaps during one of your weekends at Bernie's, you two might research other video chatting services to use.

Dear Amy: Many years ago, I left my wife and child. I'm not proud of what I did, but I acknowledge that I basically abandoned them. I did pay child support (most of the time), but I moved to another part of the country and basically started over.

I am a better man now. I have a solid marriage and two kids I love and care for.

I have not seen my son from my first marriage since he was 9. He is in his early 20s and has contacted me. He obviously wants to have a relationship of some kind with me, but I don't want to have one with him. I don't think I can continue on the positive path I have if I have to go back and pick up the pieces from my previous mistakes.

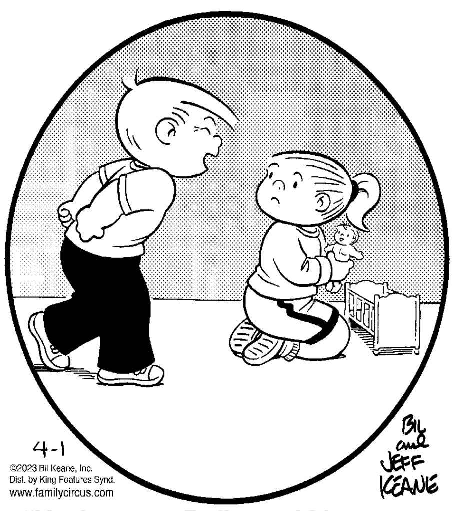
I'm wondering how to tell him this. I'm hoping you can give me some ideas.

Divorced Dad

Dear Dad: If you aren't brave enough to take on having any kind of relationship with your first-born child, then you really aren't a better man. You're just a different version of the man you were. I suggest you tell your son much of what you say here, acknowledging that you abandoned him, that you are ashamed, but you are not brave enough to have a relationship with him now. Express your fervent hope that he grows to be a better man than you've been.

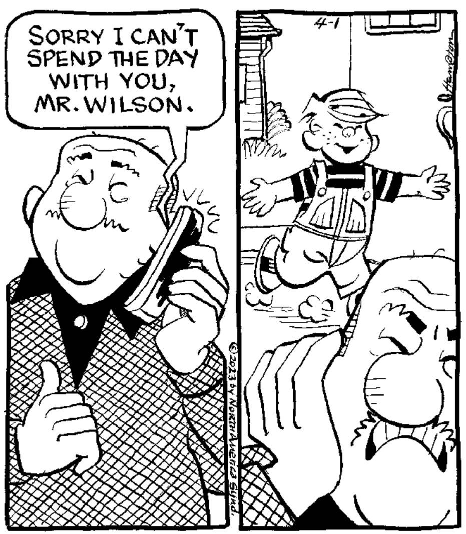
Email questions to Amy Dickinson at *askamy@amydickinson.com.*

FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"You're cute, Dolly, and I love you. APRIL FOOL!"

DENNIS THE MENACE By Hank Ketcham


SORRY I CAN'T SPEND THE DAY WITH YOU, MR. WILSON.
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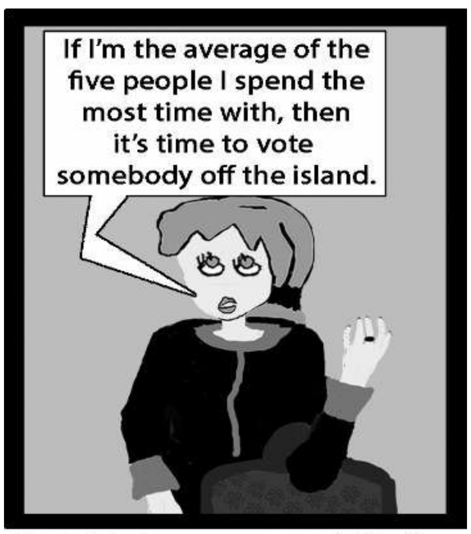
"APRIL FOOL!"

REPLY ALL LITE By Donna Lewis


If I'm the average of the five people I spend the most time with, then it's time to vote somebody off the island.
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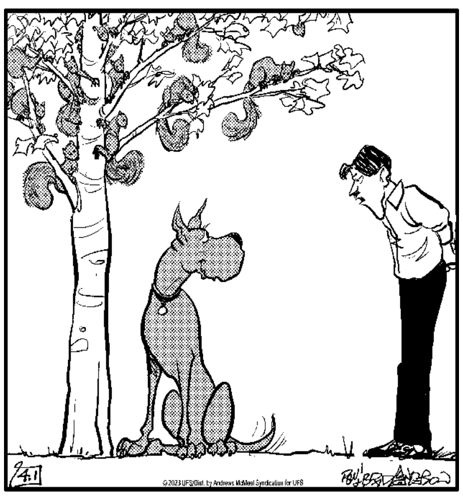
MARMADUKE By Brad & Paul Anderson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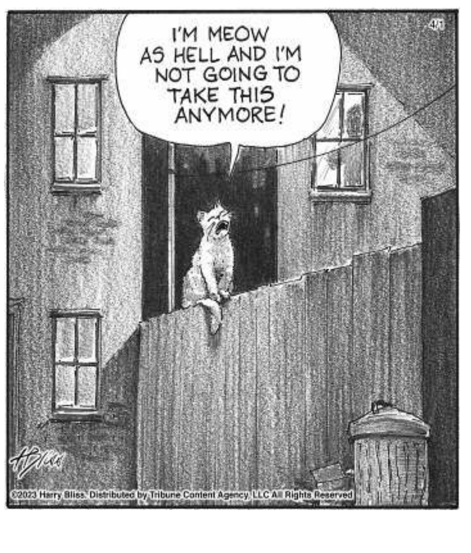
"Sorry, but there is no Guinness World Record for the number of squirrels treed in an hour."

BLISS By Harry Bliss


I'M MEOW AS HELL AND I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS ANYMORE!
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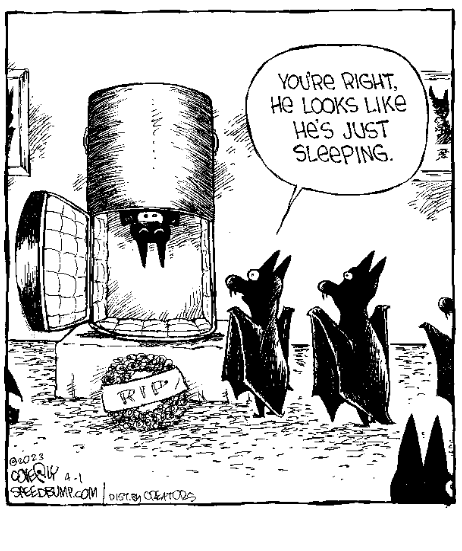

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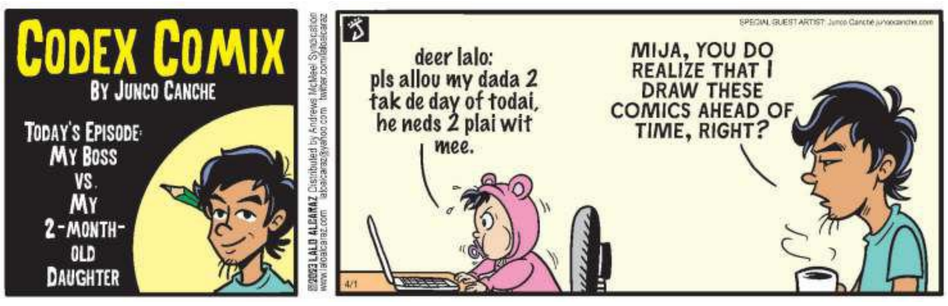
CODEX COMIX
BY JUNCO CANCHE
TODAY'S EPISODE: MY BOSS VS. MY 2-MONTH-OLD DAUGHTER
SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST: Junco Canche junocanche.com
deer lalo: pls allou my dada 2 tak de day of todai, he neds 2 plai wit mee.
MIJA, YOU DO REALIZE THAT I DRAW THESE COMICS AHEAD OF TIME, RIGHT?
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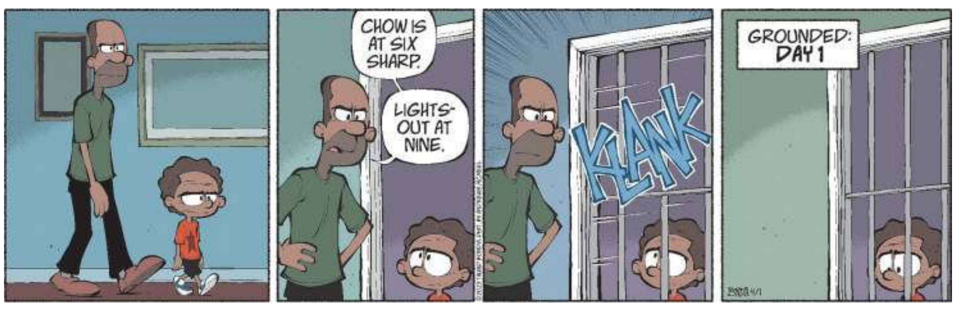
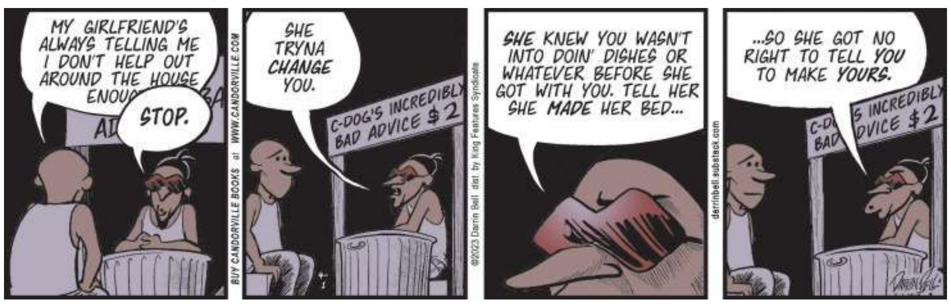
CRABGRASS By Tauhid Bondia


CHOW IS AT SIX SHARP.
LIGHTS-OUT AT NINE.
KLANK
GROUNDED: DAY 1

CANDORVILLE By Darrin Bell


MY GIRLFRIEND'S ALWAYS TELLING ME I DON'T HELP OUT AROUND THE HOUSE ENOU
STOP.
SHE TRYNA CHANGE YOU.
C-DOG'S INCREDIBLY BAD ADVICE $2
SHE KNEW YOU WASN'T INTO DOIN' DISHES OR WHATEVER BEFORE SHE GOT WITH YOU. TELL HER SHE MADE HER BED...
...SO SHE GOT NO RIGHT TO TELL YOU TO MAKE YOURS.
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HALF FULL By Maria Scrivan

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(APRIL FOOLS –THE CARTOONIST)

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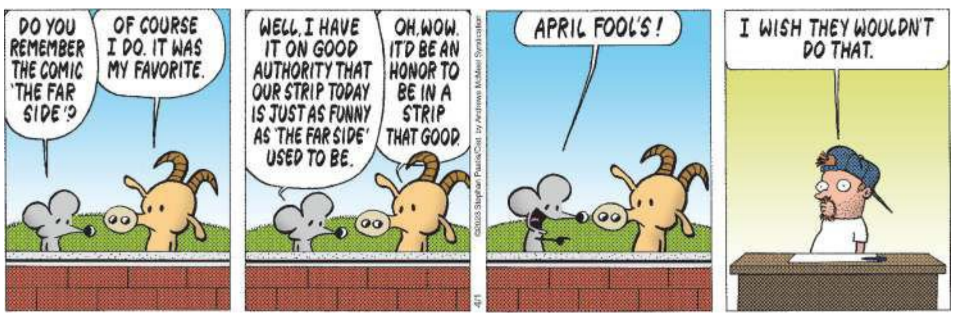
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE By Stephan Pastis


DO YOU REMEMBER THE COMIC 'THE FAR SIDE'?
OF COURSE I DO. IT WAS MY FAVORITE.
WELL, I HAVE IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT OUR STRIP TODAY IS JUST AS FUNNY AS 'THE FAR SIDE' USED TO BE.
OH, WOW. IT'D BE AN HONOR TO BE IN A STRIP THAT GOOD.
APRIL FOOL'S!
I WISH THEY WOULDN'T DO THAT.
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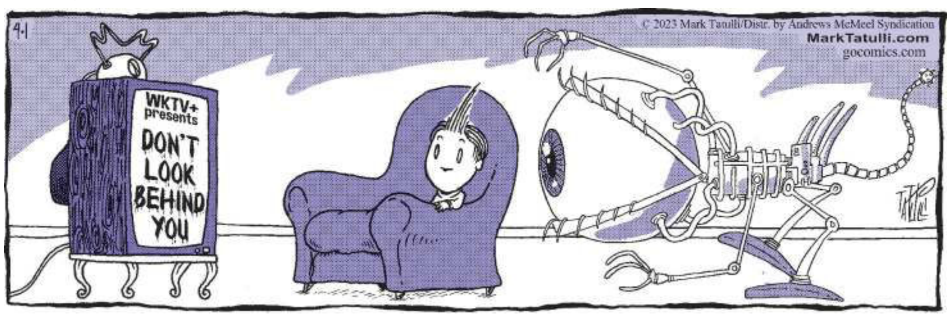
LIO By Mark Tatulli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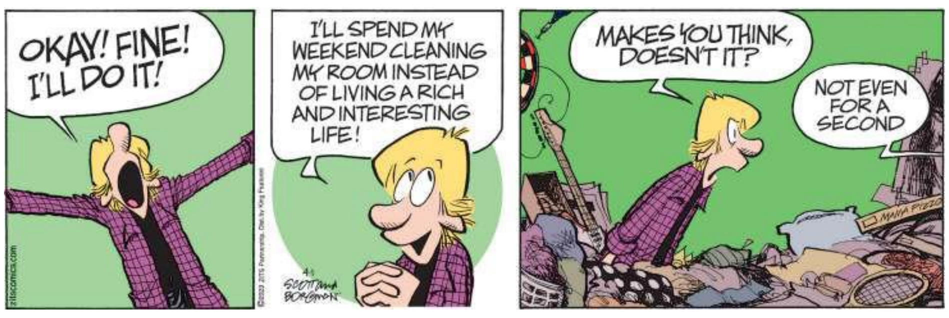
ZITS By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman


OKAY! FINE! I'LL DO IT!
I'LL SPEND MY WEEKEND CLEANING MY ROOM INSTEAD OF LIVING A RICH AND INTERESTING LIFE!
MAKES YOU THINK, DOESN'T IT?
NOT EVEN FOR A SECOND
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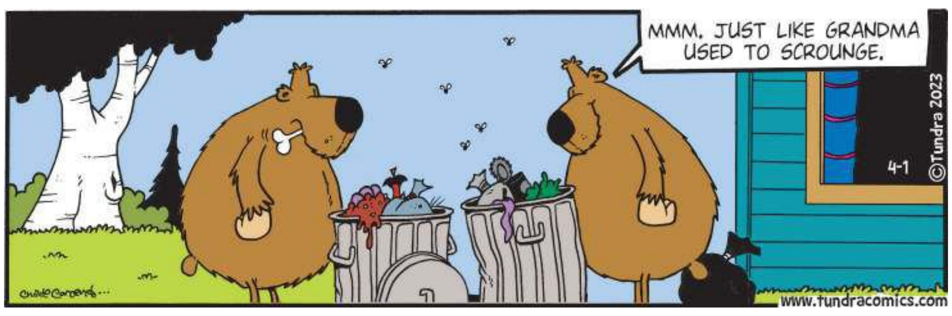
TUNDRA By Chad Carpenter


MMM. JUST LIKE GRANDMA USED TO SCROUNGE.
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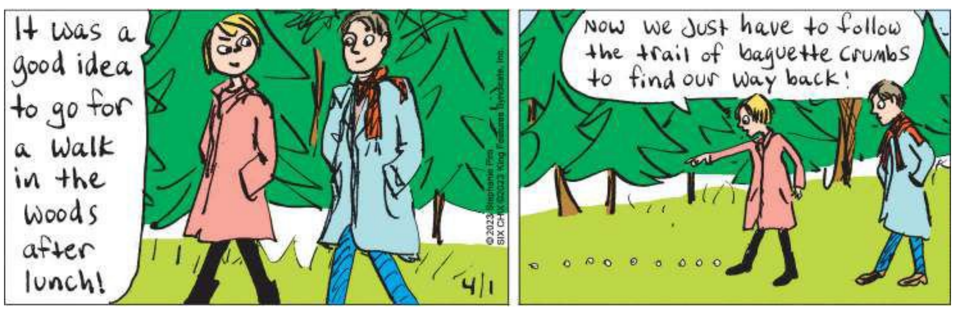
It was a good idea to go for a walk in the woods after lunch!
Now we just have to follow the trail of baguette crumbs to find our way back!
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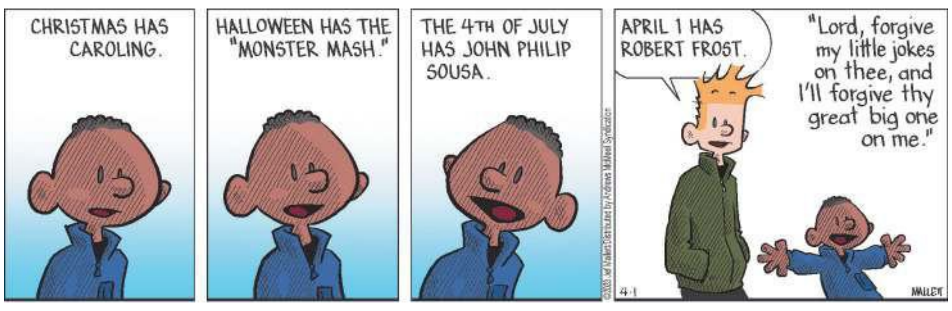
CHRISTMAS HAS CAROLING.
HALLOWEEN HAS THE "MONSTER MASH."
THE 4TH OF JULY HAS JOHN PHILIP SOUSA.
APRIL 1 HAS ROBERT FROST.
"Lord, forgive my little jokes on thee, and I'll forgive thy great big one on me."
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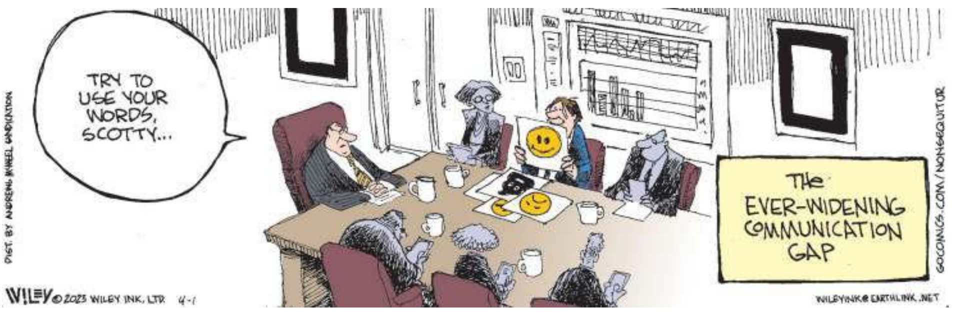
MALLETT

NON SEQUITUR By Wiley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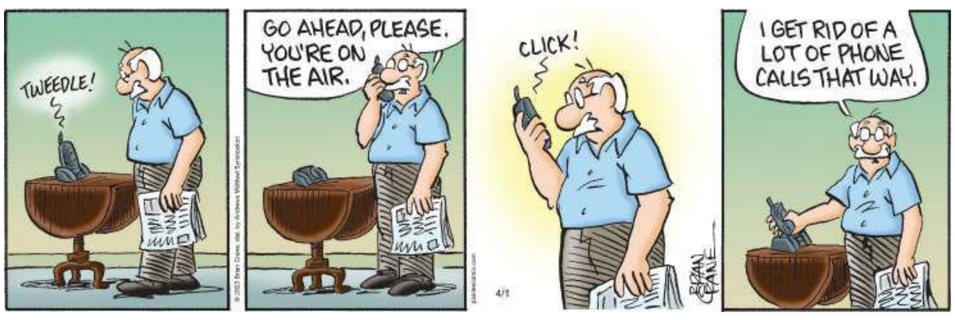
TWEEDLE!
GO AHEAD, PLEASE. YOU'RE ON THE AIR.
CLICK!
I GET RID OF A LOT OF PHONE CALLS THAT WAY.
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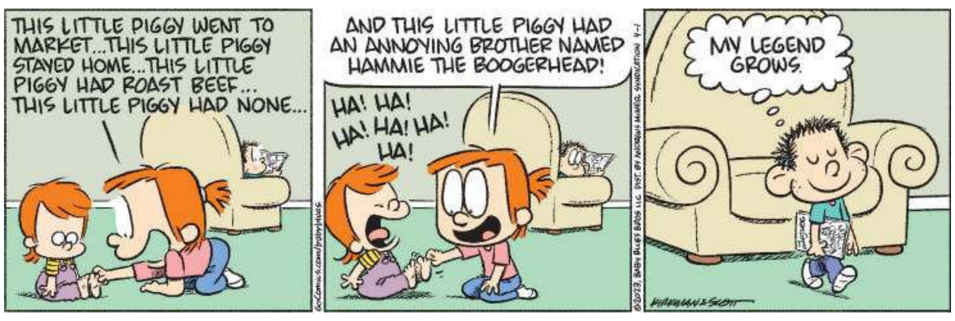
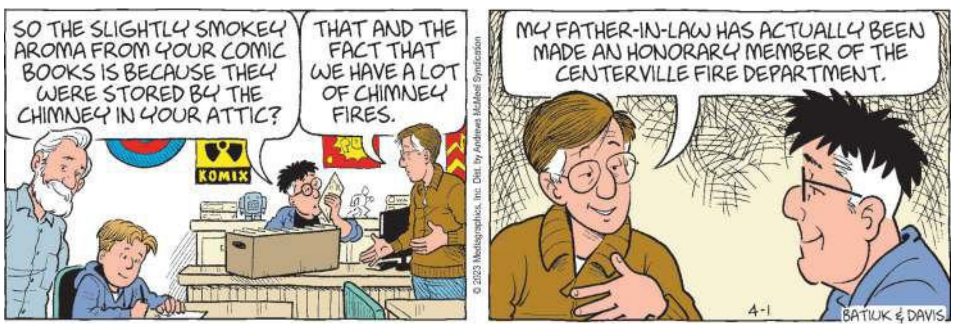
BRIAN CRANE

BABY BLUES By Jerry Scott & Rick Kirkman


THIS LITTLE PIGGY WENT TO MARKET...THIS LITTLE PIGGY STAYED HOME...THIS LITTLE PIGGY HAD ROAST BEEF... THIS LITTLE PIGGY HAD NONE...
AND THIS LITTLE PIGGY HAD AN ANNOYING BROTHER NAMED HAMMIE THE BOOGERHEAD!
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
MY LEGEND GROWS.
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

CRANKSHAFT By Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers


SO THE SLIGHTLY SMOKEY AROMA FROM YOUR COMIC BOOKS IS BECAUSE THEY WERE STORED BY THE CHIMNEY IN YOUR ATTIC?
THAT AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF CHIMNEY FIRES.
KOMIX
MY FATHER-IN-LAW HAS ACTUALLY BEEN MADE AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE CENTERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
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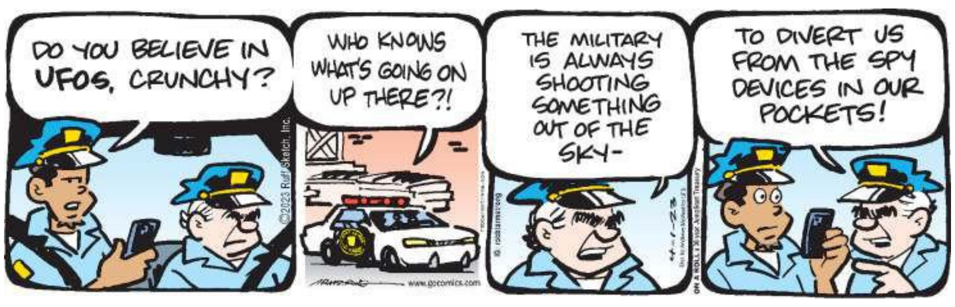
BATIUK & DAVIS

JUMP START By Robb Armstrong


DO YOU BELIEVE IN UFOS, CRUNCHY?
WHO KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE?!
THE MILITARY IS ALWAYS SHOOTING SOMETHING OUT OF THE SKY-
TO DIVERT US FROM THE SPY DEVICES IN OUR POCKETS!
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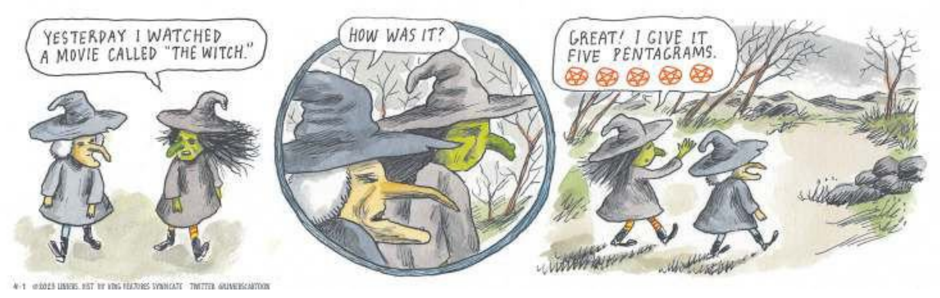
MACANUDO By Liniers


YESTERDAY I WATCHED A MOVIE CALLED "THE WITCH."
HOW WAS IT?
GREAT! I GIVE IT FIVE PENTAGRAMS.
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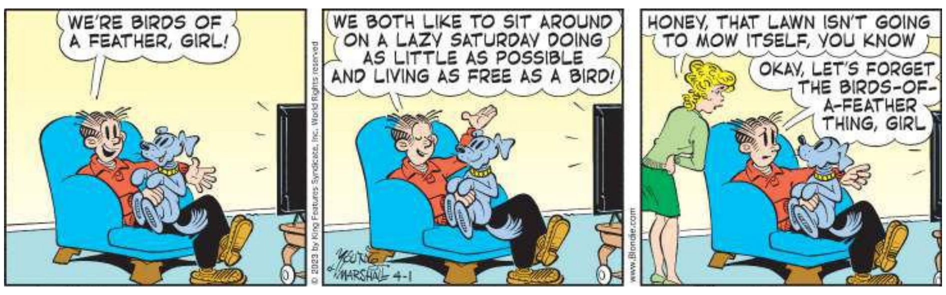
BLONDIE By Dean Young & John Marshall


WE'RE BIRDS OF A FEATHER, GIRL!
WE BOTH LIKE TO SIT AROUND ON A LAZY SATURDAY DOING AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE AND LIVING AS FREE AS A BIRD!
HONEY, THAT LAWN ISN'T GOING TO MOW ITSELF, YOU KNOW
OKAY, LET'S FORGET THE BIRDS-OF-A-FEATHER THING, GIRL
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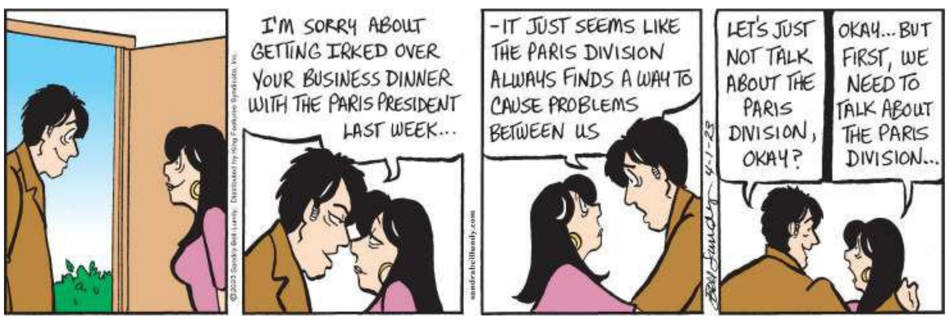
BETWEEN FRIENDS By Sandra Bell-Lundy


I'M SORRY ABOUT GETTING IRKED OVER YOUR BUSINESS DINNER WITH THE PARIS PRESIDENT LAST WEEK...
-IT JUST SEEMS LIKE THE PARIS DIVISION ALWAYS FINDS A WAY TO CAUSE PROBLEMS BETWEEN US
LET'S JUST NOT TALK ABOUT THE PARIS DIVISION, OKAY?
OKAY... BUT FIRST, WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE PARIS DIVISION...
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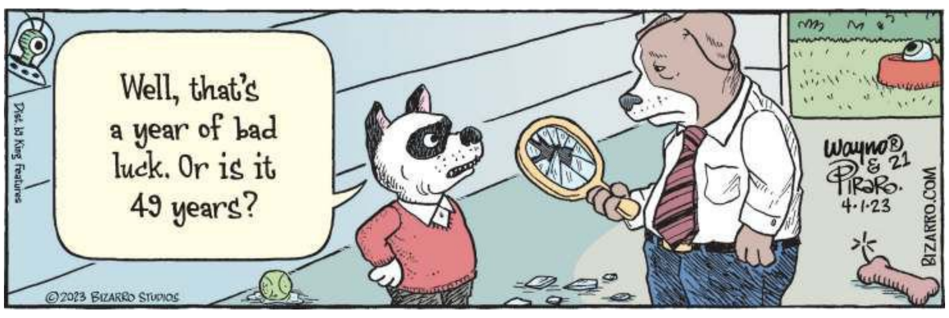
BIZARRO By Wayno and Piraro


Well, that's a year of bad luck. Or is it 49 years?
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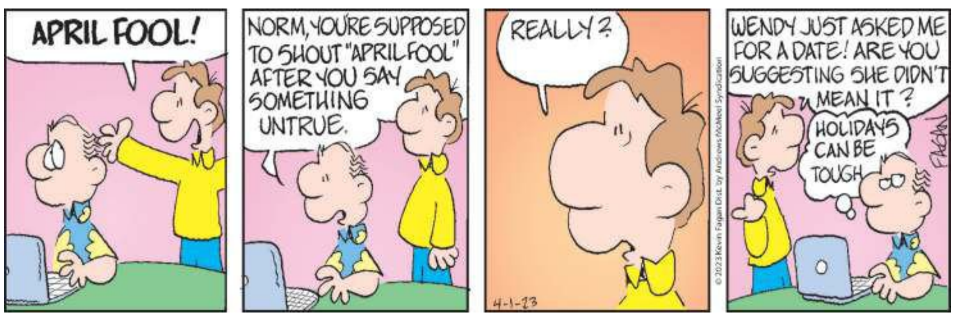
APRIL FOOL!
NORM, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SHOUT "APRIL FOOL" AFTER YOU SAY SOMETHING UNTRUE.
REALLY?
WENDY JUST ASKED ME FOR A DATE! ARE YOU SUGGESTING SHE DIDN'T MEAN IT?
HOLIDAYS CAN BE TOUGH
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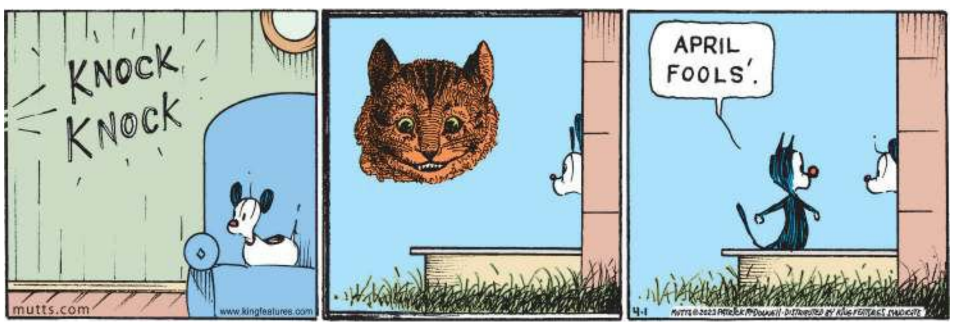
FAGAN

MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell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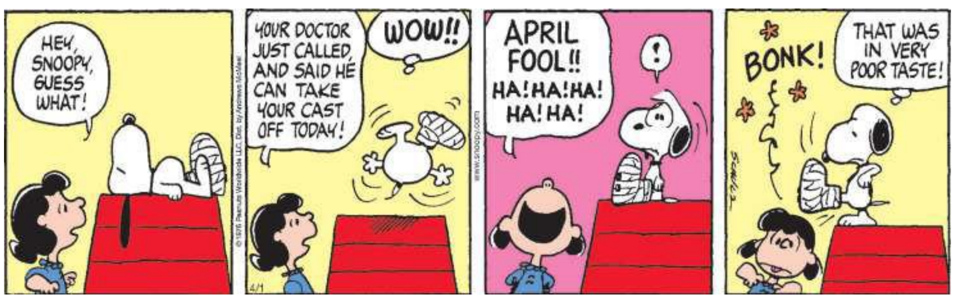
HEY, SNOOPY, GUESS WHAT!
YOUR DOCTOR JUST CALLED, AND SAID HE CAN TAKE YOUR CAST OFF TODAY!
WOW!!
APRIL FOOL!! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
!
BONK!
THAT WAS IN VERY POOR TASTE!
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THE WEATHER

Today in Southern California

Sunny and warmer: The weekend will kick off with sunshine and moderating temperatures today, aside from patchy low clouds and fog along the immediate coast that will quickly clear this morning. An increasing onshore flow and deeper marine layer will lead to more widespread coastal low clouds and fog Sunday morning; otherwise, Sunday too will turn out sunny, with a gusty breeze developing in the mountains.

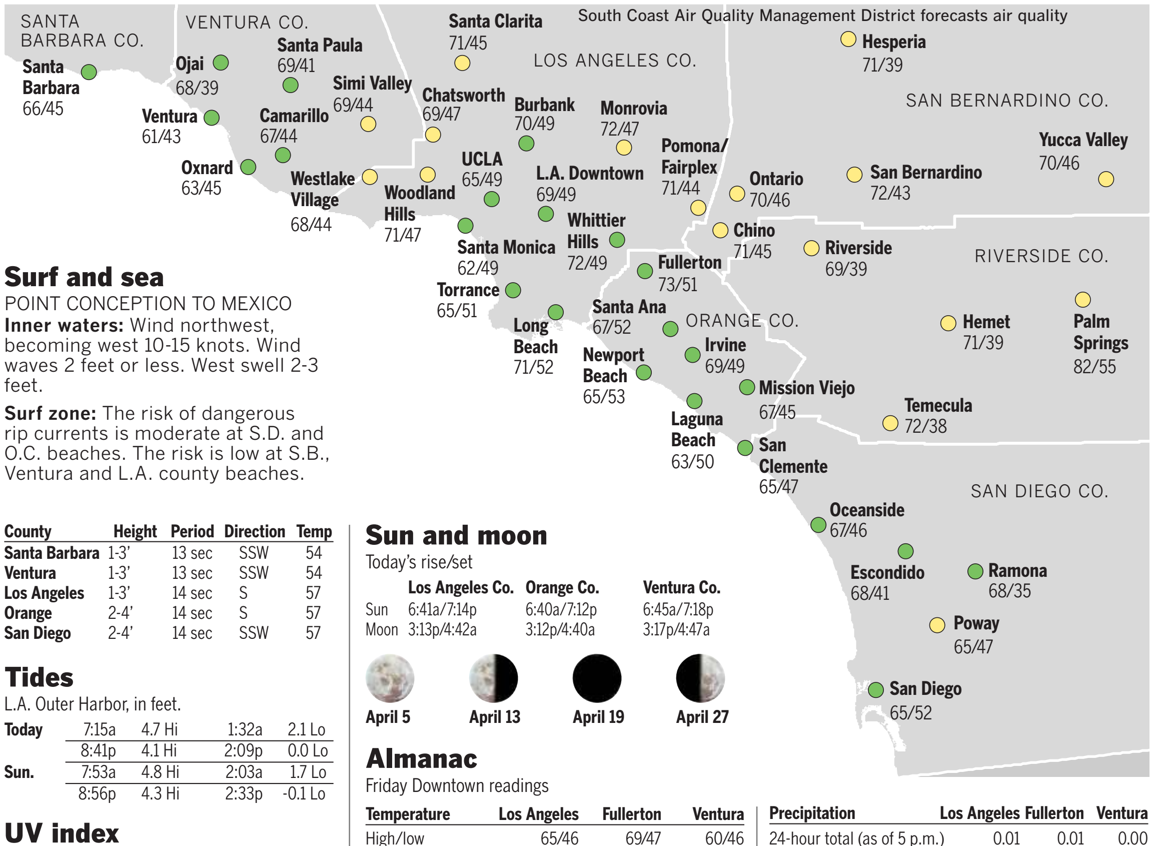
5-day forecasts

High/low temperatures are average forecasts for entire zone.

	L.A. Basin		Valleys		Beaches		Mountains		Deserts	
Today	69|49 Mostly sunny		70|46 Mostly sunny		62|49 Fog, then sun		52|29 Mostly sunny; cool		82|55 Mostly sunny	
Sunday	Fog, sun	66/51	Fog to sun	67/47	Fog to sun	61/52	Breezy	57/31	Mostly sunny	82/53
Monday	A shower	59/44	Windy	57/40	Clouds, sun	57/47	Much colder	35/20	Cooler	70/46
Tuesday	Sunny; cool	61/46	Mostly sunny	60/44	Mostly sunny	59/45	Sunny; cold	42/26	Sunny; cool	74/50
Wednesday	Mostly sunny	65/48	Mostly sunny	64/48	Mostly sunny	61/48	Sunny; chilly	44/24	Sunny; cool	74/53

Air quality

● Good ● Moderate Unhealthful for: ● Sensitive people ● All ○ Not Available



Surf and sea

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Inner waters: Wind northwest, becoming west 10-15 knots. Wind waves 2 feet or less. West swell 2-3 feet.

Surf zone: The risk of dangerous rip currents is moderate at S.D. and O.C. beaches. The risk is low at S.B., Ventura and L.A. county beaches.

County	Height	Period	Direction	Temp
Santa Barbara	1-3'	13 sec	SSW	54
Ventura	1-3'	13 sec	SSW	54
Los Angeles	1-3'	14 sec	S	57
Orange	2-4'	14 sec	S	57
San Diego	2-4'	14 sec	SSW	57

Tides

L.A. Outer Harbor, in feet.

Today	7:15a	4.7 Hi	1:32a	2.1 Lo
	8:41p	4.1 Hi	2:09p	0.0 Lo
Sun.	7:53a	4.8 Hi	2:03a	1.7 Lo
	8:56p	4.3 Hi	2:33p	-0.1 Lo

UV index

Minutes to burn for sensitive people

Las Vegas, 30	Phoenix, 25
Los Angeles, 25	San Francisco, 45

Sun and moon

Today's rise/set

	Los Angeles Co.	Orange Co.	Ventura Co.
Sun	6:41a/7:14p	6:40a/7:12p	6:45a/7:18p
Moon	3:13p/4:42a	3:12p/4:40a	3:17p/4:47a

April 5 April 13 April 19 April 27

Almanac

Friday Downtown readings

Temperature	Los Angeles	Fullerton	Ventura
High/low	65/46	69/47	60/46
Normal high/low	71/54	72/53	67/47
High/low a year ago	63/55	65/58	61/52
Record high/date	92/2011	91/2021	88/2021
Record low/date	40/1897	47/2023	36/1948

Precipitation	Los Angeles	Fullerton	Ventura
24-hour total (as of 5 p.m.)	0.01	0.01	0.00
Season total (since Oct. 1)	27.42	20.53	25.42
Last season (Oct. 1 to date)	11.83	6.30	11.04
Season norm (Oct. 1 to date)	13.00	10.71	14.68
Humidity (high/low)	86/39	83/33	95/59

California cities

	Friday			Today		Sunday	
City	Hi	Lo	Prcp.	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Anaheim	69	45	--	71	48	67	53
Avalon/Catalina	55	44	--	60	47	58	45
Bakersfield	65	41	--	65	45	67	45
Barstow	68	38	Tr	76	49	76	48
Big Bear Lake	46	12	.04	52	29	57	31
Bishop	60	23	--	66	35	70	38
Burbank	66	40	Tr	70	49	65	49
Camarillo	62	41	--	67	44	66	48
Chatsworth	67	39	.01	69	47	65	47
Chino	66	40	--	71	45	67	49
Compton	64	41	--	70	50	66	53
Dana Point	xx	xx	xx	63	49	61	53
Death Valley	75	52	--	81	67	84	66
Del Mar	62	44	.01	60	50	60	52
Escondido	66	42	--	68	41	66	48
Eureka	56	45	--	53	42	50	38
Fallbrook	67	43	--	69	41	67	47
Fresno	65	41	--	68	46	66	41
Fullerton	69	47	--	73	51	70	52
Hemet	64	35	--	71	39	67	46
Hesperia	63	32	--	71	39	69	44
Huntington Beach	64	44	--	65	52	64	54
Idyllwild	52	25	.32	57	40	58	36
Irvine	65	42	--	69	49	65	54

	Friday			Today		Sunday	
City	Hi	Lo	Prcp.	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
L.A. D'ntown/USC	65	46	--	69	49	66	51
L.A. Int'l. Airport	61	45	--	64	50	62	51
Laguna Beach	62	42	--	63	50	63	54
Lancaster	64	30	--	70	45	68	37
Long Beach	67	48	Tr	71	52	68	53
Mammoth Lakes	37	8	--	51	25	49	25
Mission Viejo	65	40	--	67	45	64	52
Monrovia	65	39	--	72	47	66	48
Monterey	57	41	--	59	48	59	44
Mt. Wilson	50	28	--	48	42	50	32
Needles	71	43	--	80	55	83	57
Newport Beach	59	48	--	65	53	64	55
Northridge	66	36	--	71	47	66	50
Oakland	59	42	--	60	46	58	43
Oceanside	62	42	--	67	46	64	52
Ojai	62	34	.01	68	39	66	42
Ontario	66	41	--	70	46	66	50
Palm Springs	72	44	--	82	55	82	53
Pasadena	67	42	--	69	47	66	49
Paso Robles	64	38	--	68	40	65	38
Redding	57	46	.03	55	40	58	36
Riverside	63	35	--	69	39	66	46
Sacramento	60	45	--	63	44	62	38
San Bernardino	64	40	.02	72	43	70	51

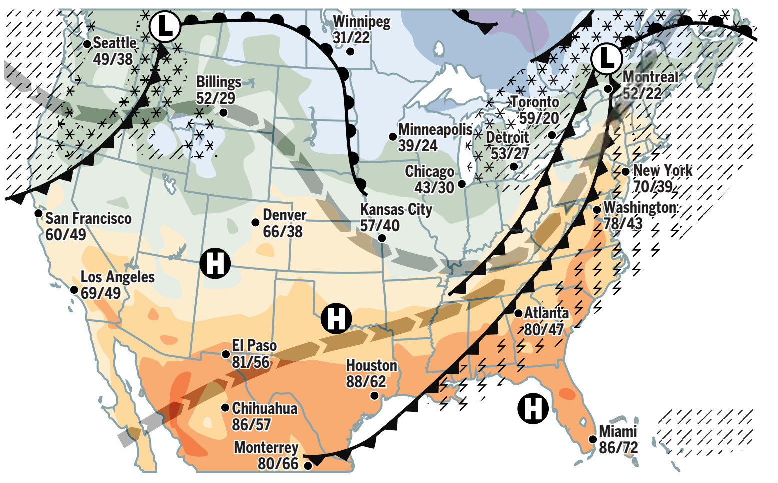
	Friday			Today		Sunday	
City	Hi	Lo	Prcp.	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
San Diego	63	47	.01	65	52	64	55
San Francisco	59	44	--	60	49	59	46
San Gabriel	xx	xx	--	72	47	67	51
San Jose	63	39	--	64	48	60	43
San Luis Obispo	65	40	--	66	45	66	45
Santa Ana	64	48	--	67	52	64	54
Santa Barbara	61	43	--	66	45	66	47
Santa Clarita	63	36	--	71	45	68	44
Santa Monica Pier	61	43	--	62	49	61	52
Santa Paula	64	44	--	69	41	64	45
Santa Rosa	58	39	--	55	40	61	37
Simi Valley	63	40	--	69	44	66	47
Tahoe Valley	40	14	--	44	25	42	23
Temecula	68	37	.08	72	38	69	46
Thousand Oaks	59	41	--	67	43	66	47
Torrance	66	39	--	65	51	64	52
UCLA	xx	xx	--	65	49	62	52
Van Nuys	68	41	--	72	50	69	50
Ventura	60	46	--	61	43	62	48
Whittier Hills	69	45	--	72	49	67	51
Woodland Hills	67	xx	--	71	47	66	50
Wrightwood	49	23	.04	56	39	57	34
Yorba Linda	68	42	--	70	45	66	51
Yosemite Valley	52	30	--	58	29	57	31

Today in North America

Stormy in the East: A strong cold front will produce high winds and severe thunderstorms from the Appalachians to the Atlantic Coast. Chilly air with snow showers will affect the central Great Lakes states. Showers of rain and mountain snow will fall in the Northwest.

Pressure: Ⓛ Low Ⓗ High Warm Front Cold Front Jet Stream Trough

Temps -0 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100+ Rain T-storm Snow Ice



U.S. cities

FRIDAY'S EXTREMES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES

High 95 in Carrizo Springs, Texas **Low** −9 in Bryce Canyon, Utah

	Friday			Today		
City	Hi	Lo	Prcp.	Hi	Lo	Sky
Albany	48	20	.11	68	30	R
Albuquerque	58	35	--	65	41	Pc
Anchorage	35	26	Tr	36	33	Su
Aspen	33	19	.07	47	22	Pc
Atlanta	78	54	--	80	47	Ts
Austin	86	67	Tr	84	55	Pc
Baltimore	66	33	--	79	40	Ts
Boise	51	37	.01	49	33	Cy
Boston	48	32	.08	62	41	R
Buffalo	49	28	.26	59	23	Ts
Burlington, Vt.	42	21	.27	62	26	R
Charleston, S.C.	81	51	.03	79	55	Ts
Charlotte	69	52	Tr	79	44	Ts
Chicago	70	49	1.18	43	30	Sn
Cincinnati	60	46	.61	61	30	W
Cleveland	56	40	.15	59	29	Ts
Columbia, S.C.	80	46	Tr	79	49	Ts
Columbus	56	45	.28	64	30	Sh
Dallas/Ft.Worth	88	71	Tr	76	55	Pc
Denver	52	33	--	66	38	Pc
Detroit	57	36	1.08	53	27	Sh
El Paso	70	49	--	81	56	Su
Eugene	50	41	.04	50	38	Sh
Fort Myers	90	67	--	88	70	Sh
Hartford	51	24	.03	69	38	R
Honolulu	83	73	.03	82	73	Sh
Houston	84	72	Tr	88	62	Cy
Indianapolis	67	49	.27	51	28	Sh
Jacksonville, Fla.	84	52	--	87	63	Ts
Kansas City	79	61	Tr	57	40	Su
Knoxville	71	46	.08	75	40	W
Las Vegas	67	40	--	73	52	Su
Louisville	67	52	.53	63	36	W
Medford	56	38	Tr	51	36	Sh
Memphis	77	63	.07	69	45	Su
Miami	83	73	.21	86	72	Sh
Milwaukee	61	40	.66	40	30	Sn
Minneapolis	38	34	.76	39	24	Cy
Nashville	73	57	.09	71	39	W
New Orleans	80	67	--	83	62	Ts
New York	53	38	--	70	39	Ts
Norfolk	74	41	.11	76	51	Ts
Oklahoma City	76	67	Tr	66	45	Pc
Omaha	67	59	Tr	54	39	Su
Orlando	86	60	--	91	68	Pc
Philadelphia	63	35	--	75	41	Ts
Phoenix	70	48	--	80	53	Su
Pittsburgh	54	39	.36	67	30	Ts
Portland, Ore.	51	46	.08	51	39	Sh
Providence	46	26	.04	59	40	Ts
Raleigh/Durham	70	51	.06	78	45	Ts
Reno	57	29	--	55	38	Pc
Richmond	70	39	.15	80	44	Ts
St. Louis	79	56	.18	57	38	W
Salt Lake City	47	34	.14	56	41	Cy

	Friday			Today		
City	Hi	Lo	Prcp.	Hi	Lo	Sky
Seattle	48	41	.09	49	38	Sh
Tampa	87	65	--	85	72	Pc
Tucson	71	44	--	82	48	Su
Tulsa	80	65	Tr	66	44	Pc
Washington, D.C.	67	42	Tr	78	43	Ts
Wichita	75	60	.02	63	46	Su

World

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp.	Hi	Lo	Sky
Acapulco	89	73	--	88	71	Su
Amsterdam	55	50	2.90	51	38	R
Athens	73	46	--	70	54	Pc
Bangkok	97	81	Tr	96	81	Cy
Barcelona	72	54	--	66	48	Pc
Berlin	55	48	.32	51	34	Sh
Cabo San Lucas	86	63	--	86	70	Hz
Cairo	71	54	--	74	58	Su
Dubai	81	70	--	86	71	Su
Dublin	53	48	.91	50	41	R
Havana	88	68	.46	90	66	Su
Ho Chi Minh City	91	76	--	96	78	Pc
Hong Kong	75	69	.16	76	71	Sh
Istanbul	55	43	Tr	66	54	Pc
Jerusalem	54	41	--	61	42	Pc
Johannesburg	68	54	.14	72	56	Ts
Kuala Lumpur	90	76	.04	91	75	Ts
Lima	80	72	.01	81	73	Pc
London	57	50	.21	52	43	R
Madrid	70	55	--	67	39	Pc
Mecca	94	72	--	94	69	Su
Mexico City	83	55	--	85	55	Cy
Montreal	39	25	.12	52	22	R
Moscow	39	25	.19	47	40	Cy
Mumbai	88	80	--	89	77	Hz
New Delhi	77	64	.16	80	63	Ts
Paris	59	52	.23	56	46	R
Prague	52	43	.39	51	39	Sh
Rome	63	55	--	64	46	Pc
Seoul	70	36	--	79	48	Pc
Singapore	88	75	.08	86	76	Ts
Taipei City	72	63	.15	72	62	Pc
Tokyo	66	54	--	70	53	Su
Vancouver	46	43	.13	49	37	Sh
Vienna	64	43	.03	61	47	Sh

Key: **Su** sunny; **Pc** partly cloudy; **Cy** cloudy; **Fg** foggy; **Prcp** precipitation; **Dr** drizzle; **Hz** hazy **Sh** showers; **Ts** thunderstorms; **R** rain; **Sn** snow; **Sf** snow flurries; **I** ice; **Rs** rain/snow; **W** windy; **Tr** trace. **Notes:** National extremes exclude Alaska and Hawaii. Missing data indicated by "xx". Friday's readings as of 5 p.m.

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IOWA'S CAITLIN CLARK drives past South Carolina's Kierra Fletcher in the second half. Clark scored 41 points to help Iowa reach the final on Sunday.

WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR

Clark's hot hand helps Iowa end South Carolina's streak

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Caitlin Clark overwhelmed the reigning champions with another sensational game, scoring 41 points to help Iowa spoil South Carolina's perfect season with a 77-73 victory on Friday night in the Final Four.

The spectacular junior guard set a record for the highest-scoring semifinal game and became the first women's player to post back-to-back 40-point games in the NCAA tournament.

She has the Hawkeyes in a spot they've never been in before — one victory away from a national championship.

They'll have to beat another SEC team to do that as Iowa (31-6) will face Louisiana State in the title game on Sunday afternoon at American Airlines Arena.

Thanks to the spectacular play of Clark and the historic year by South Carolina, this was one of the most talked about and highly anticipated matchups in women's Final Four history.

The game lived up to the hype surrounding it — the best player vs. the best team — much to the delight of the sellout crowd of over 19,000 fans.

Coach Dawn Staley and South Carolina (36-1) had won 42 in a row, including last year's championship game.

This was Iowa's first appearance in the Final Four in 30 years.

The last time the Hawkeyes advanced this far was 1993 and C. Vivian Stringer was the coach of that team that lost to Ohio State in overtime.

Louisiana State 79, Virginia Tech 72: Alexis Morris scored 27 points and had two of her misses in the fourth quarter turned into putback baskets by Angel Reese in a big run as the Tigers (33-2) rallied to beat the top-seeded Hokies (31-5).

"I'm never satisfied. I'm superexcited that we won, but I'm hungry," said Morris, who jumped on a courtside table and fired up LSU fans after the game. "Like, I'm greedy. I want to win it all so I can complete the story."

Reese finished with 24 points and 12 rebounds for LSU, which is going to the national championship game for the first time.

It comes in the second season since feisty and flamboyantly dressed coach Kim Mulkey returned to her home state to take over a Tigers program that lost five consecutive national semifinal games from 2004 to 2008, the only other times they made it this far.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

(all times Pacific)

MEN'S FINAL FOUR
at Houston
Saturday's semifinals

No. 5 San Diego State (31-6) vs.
No. 9 Florida Atlantic (35-3), 3 p.m., Channel 2

No. 4 Connecticut (29-8) vs.
No. 5 Miami (29-7), 5:45 p.m., Channel 2

WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR
at Dallas
Friday's results

No. 3 Louisiana State 79, No. 1 Virginia Tech 72
No. 2 Iowa 77, No. 1 South Carolina 73

Sunday's final

No. 3 Louisiana State (33-2) vs.
No. 2 Iowa (31-6), 12:30 p.m., Channel 7

Lee thrives in her role as tone-setter for UCLA

[**Elliott,** from B12]

a 9.90 leading off on the balance beam Thursday in the NCAA regional semifinal at a lively Pauley Pavilion. Although her teammates surpassed her leadoff 9.80 on floor exercise and her score didn't count, she was part of an impressive postseason effort. The Bruins finished atop the four-team field Thursday with 198.275 points, propelling them into Saturday's regional final against Utah, Washington and Missouri. The top two teams on Saturday will advance to the national finals.

"Your job is to box the judges in. If you have a really good routine you might get scored a little lower, but your teammates' scores will be boosted because of you. That's my job," said Lee, who also scored 9.85 on Thursday as the second Bruin on vault and 9.80 as the second Bruin on the uneven bars. "Yes, I might be sacrificing the chance to get 10s, but then maybe my teammate will get a 10. And that's kind of like my 10 too. Set them up for success."

Lee's success this season has been remarkable, a well-deserved reward for her painful recovery from the ruptured left Achilles tendon she suffered in 2021 at the trials for the pandemic-delayed Tokyo Summer Olympics.

Lee had lived with pain and soreness in her leg for a while but hoped to push through the discomfort and fulfill her dream of competing at the trials. She almost made it to the end: She was the last performer in the last event, floor exercise, when she dropped abruptly to the floor at the end of a tumbling pass.

First, she cried. It took a few minutes for her mind to accept what her body was telling her.

"I knew once I got up. Yeah, it's gone. It's done. Not much hope left," said Lee, a three-time member of the U.S. national team. "That night, I kind of felt relieved. It was going to happen eventually. It's over now. I can start my rehab.

"I was luckier than most. I got to go to the Olympic trials and experience the opportunity almost no one gets to do. I wouldn't take it back. If I had to do it again, I would."

She rehabbed during her freshman year, diving into her difficult classes as a physiological science major but lending support at practices and some meets.

KYUSUNG GONG Associated Press

> 'We want to win and we'll do everything we can to help each other succeed in and out of the gym.'
>
> — EMILY LEE, UCLA gymnast

"I think she's always had this sort of hard-working mentality, so I knew she would be able to come back," teammate Emma Malabuyo said. "But just seeing her thrive this season, especially after her injury, and not only doing one event — she's doing everything. That really blew me away, and I think that inspires a lot of people out there too."

Lee's training hit a bump when she resumed tumbling because it brought back thoughts of her injury. But her fears quickly vanished.

"Meet by meet her confidence has just blossomed, and it's been amazing to see her confidence grow and her love for gymnastics and our team grow through that process," coach Janelle McDonald said. "She's absolutely one of the rock-solid competitors on our team and can help us kind of have endless goals as far as what we can accomplish as a team."

After missing the NCAA championships last season by a mere 0.025, the Bruins adopted the phrase "no regrets" as their mantra this week. They had no reason for misgivings Thursday, thanks to stellar efforts from Olympic silver medalist Jordan Chiles — who had the top all-around score of 39.750 — a team-best 9.975 from freshman Selena Harris on beam, and the return from injury of Brooklyn Moors, who competed on vault and floor exercise. The Bruins are back in contention for a national title again, a sweet return after the tension last season that led to the resignation of then-coach Chris Waller.

Controversy over the way Waller and his staff dealt with a preseason incident involving racist language used by a former UCLA gymnast splintered the team. McDonald has helped it heal, bringing the gymnasts close again — and bringing the best out of a talented group. Because of that, Lee said a few days ago this season would be considered triumphant no matter what happens in the regionals or beyond.

"It's already a success in a lot of ways. I mean, last year we were coming from a broken culture. We were coming from no trust, nothing really bonding us together," Lee said. "Versus this year, we're fully bonded. We want to win and we'll do everything we can to help each other succeed in and out of the gym."

The tone she sets as the leadoff batter goes a long way toward making that happen.

Davis plays through rolled ankle to lead Lakers' win

[**Lakers,** from B12]
climbs, but we're not finished," Davis said after the win while his teammates howled. "We want to get greedy."

Davis, who said he rolled an ankle when he stepped on Wenyen Gabriel's foot, said he was feeling "good" postgame and expected to play Sunday in Houston against the Rockets.

Though he was clearly bothered in the game by the injury as he limped around the court while he tried to fight through the pain, he dominated on both ends.

"He kicked our ass in every way possible," Minnesota coach Chris Finch said.

Davis finished with 38 points and 17 rebounds. After the game while he and LeBron James conducted interviews at their lockers, D'Angelo Russell, Mo Bamba and Austin Reaves all bleated like goats — a nod to the Greatest of All Time acronym.

"Everyone knows that in order for us to be at the highest level and playing at the highest level, it all starts with AD," coach Darvin Ham said. "… We have a team that can make some things happen. But you have to have that one pivotal force that's leading the charge, and in our case, with this particular team here in the moment, it's AD. When he comes out and he's aggressive and we're feeding him and he's not settling and he's putting pressure on the paint, putting pressure on the rim, we find ourselves having a lot of success."

That was all threatened Friday when Davis went to the court in the third quarter, the Lakers down 10 at the time he crumbled to the floor.

But after he stood up and fell back to the court, Davis got up again. He limped off the court on his own, pushed up and down on his foot and told a teammate that he was all right.

As the Timberwolves cooled, the Lakers' offense started to operate more effectively, the team getting to the basket, hitting open threes and getting to the line.

During one stretch, Davis scored on three straight trips down the court. He scored 17 in the fourth on seven-of-10 shooting, with James cheering him on from the scorer's table as he cooked the Minnesota defense.

"Just keep going. Just keep going," James said of his message. "He's too dominant, just keep going and make sure they don't gain momentum."

The Timberwolves didn't.

Defensively, Jarred Vanderbilt and Reaves kept Anthony Edwards quiet, and Rui Hachimura logged key minutes defending Karl-Anthony Towns.

"I think we're in a good place," James said.

It's the second straight Lakers win, their fifth in their last six.

Friday as the clock ticked down and Minnesota desperately tried to get a stop, Davis rolled down the middle and punctuated things with a two-handed dunk. After he got subbed out, he walked off the court with high-fives and handshakes from his teammates as he went straight to the locker room to get a head start on treatment.

"I think he understood the assignment and knew how important this game was and I think we all knew that," James said. "We jumped on AD's back and he brought us home."

And even with a limp, he was able to get the Lakers there, the team winning a huge game in the biggest moment of the season to date.

"That's just a testament to who he is. He could have easily sat out the game and been subbed out, but he wanted to stay in because he knew how big this game was for us and just shout-out to him for just sticking with it and fighting through injury and adversity and having that big stretch," Vanderbilt said. "That changed the whole game for us, changed the momentum, changed everything. When he's dominant like that and he's in that zone like that, it just makes us so dangerous and so much more unstoppable."

STANDINGS

Standings have been arranged to reflect how the teams will be determined for the playoffs. Teams are ranked 1-15 by record. The top six teams in each conference qualify for the playoffs. Teams seven through 10 will participate in a play-in tournament with the top-seeded play-in team meeting the lowest qualifying play-in team. The next-lowest qualifying team would play the second, etc. Head-to-head competition is the first of several tiebreakers, followed by conference record. (Western Conference divisions: S-Southwest; P-Pacific; N-Northwest; Eastern Conference divisions: A-Atlantic; C-Central; S-Southeast).

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	Rk.
1. y-Denver	51	26	.662		5-5	N1
2. y-Memphis	49	28	.636	2	8-2	S1
3. x-Sacramento	47	30	.610	4	7-3	P1
4. Phoenix	42	35	.545	9	5-5	P2
5. CLIPPERS	41	37	.526	10½	6-4	P3
5. Golden State	41	37	.526	10½	6-4	P4
7. LAKERS	39	38	.506	12	6-4	P5
7. New Orleans	39	38	.506	12	7-3	S2
9. Minnesota	39	39	.500	12½	5-5	N2
10. Oklahoma City	38	40	.487	13½	5-5	N3
11. Dallas	37	40	.481	14	3-7	S3
12. Utah	36	41	.468	15	4-6	N4
13. Portland	32	45	.416	19	1-9	N5
14. San Antonio	19	58	.247	32	2-8	S4
15. Houston	19	59	.244	32½	3-7	S5

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	Rk.
1. y-Milwaukee	55	22	.714		7-3	C1
2. x-Boston	54	24	.692	1½	7-3	A1
3. x-Philadelphia	51	26	.662	4	6-4	A2
4. x-Cleveland	48	30	.615	7½	6-4	C2
5. New York	45	33	.577	10½	6-4	A3
6. Brooklyn	42	35	.545	13	4-6	A4
7. Miami	40	37	.519	15	5-5	S1
8. Atlanta	38	39	.494	17	4-6	S2
8. Toronto	38	39	.494	17	6-4	A5
10. Chicago	37	40	.481	18	6-4	C3
11. Washington	34	43	.442	21	3-7	S3
12. Indiana	34	44	.436	21½	3-7	C4
13. Orlando	33	44	.429	22	6-4	S4
14. Charlotte	26	52	.333	29½	4-6	S5
15. Detroit	16	61	.208	39	1-9	C5

x-clinched playoff berth; y-division

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

LAKERS 123, Minnesota 111	Memphis 108, CLIPPERS 94
Chicago 121, Charlotte 91	Indiana 121, Okla. City 117
Philadelphia 117, Toronto 110	Orlando 116, Washington 109
Boston 122, Utah 114	Brooklyn 124, Atlanta 107
New York 130, Cleveland 116	Houston 121, Detroit 115
Golden St. 130, San Antonio 115	Sacramento 138, Portland 114
Phoenix 100, Denver 93	

TODAY'S GAMES

Favorite	Line	Underdog	Time
at New Orleans	OFF	CLIPPERS	5:30 p.m.
at Miami	1	Dallas	4:30 p.m.

GRIZZLIES 108, CLIPPERS 94

CLIPPERS

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Batum	22	0-4	0-0	0-3	1	2	0
Leonard	17	4-9	2-2	0-3	0	1	12
Zubac	25	6-10	3-5	5-15	0	2	15
Gordon	16	5-10	1-1	0-1	2	0	13
Westbrook	25	2-8	0-0	0-4	11	0	4
Powell	25	6-11	2-2	1-1	2	2	16
Hyland	23	4-14	0-0	1-4	1	2	10
Covington	20	1-3	0-0	0-6	1	2	2
Mann	18	1-7	2-2	0-3	2	1	5
Plumlee	13	1-3	2-2	3-4	2	2	4
Coffey	12	2-3	3-4	0-1	1	0	8
Diabate	9	0-2	0-0	2-4	0	0	0
Moon	9	2-6	0-0	0-1	3	0	5
Totals		**34-90**	**15-18**	**12-50**	**26**	**14**	**94**

Shooting: Field goals, 37.8%; free throws, 83.3%

Three-point goals: 11-35 (Powell 2-2, Leonard 2-4, Gordon 2-5, Hyland 2-7, Coffey 1-2, Moon 1-3, Mann 1-5, Covington 0-1, Batum 0-3, Westbrook 0-3). Team Rebounds: 7. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 8 (Leonard 2, Covington, Diabate, Gordon, Plumlee, Westbrook, Zubac). Turnovers: 17 (Westbrook 5, Covington 2, Leonard 2, Plumlee 2, Zubac 2, Coffey, Gordon, Mann, Moon). Steals: 5 (Zubac 2, Batum, Leonard, Westbrook). Technical Fouls: None.

MEMPHIS

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Brooks	25	4-11	3-3	0-4	1	2	12
Jackson Jr.	25	4-10	1-2	2-8	0	4	9
Tillman	32	7-11	0-1	4-8	2	0	14
Bane	38	9-18	2-2	0-3	9	2	22
Morant	25	4-11	2-4	0-5	4	1	10
Kennard	33	6-11	0-0	0-6	1	3	17
Jones	22	3-10	0-0	1-2	6	0	7
Roddy	20	2-5	0-0	3-7	2	2	4
Aldama	16	4-9	5-5	2-8	0	2	13
Totals		**43-96**	**13-17**	**12-51**	**25**	**16**	**108**

Shooting: Field goals, 44.8%; free throws, 76.5%

Three-point goals: 9-33 (Kennard 5-10, Bane 2-5, Jones 1-5, Brooks 1-6, Aldama 0-1, Roddy 0-1, Jackson Jr. 0-2, Morant 0-3). Team Rebounds: 8. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 7 (Jackson Jr. 3, Tillman 2, Aldama, Jones). Turnovers: 14 (Kennard 3, Morant 3, Aldama 2, Jackson Jr. 2, Bane, Brooks, Roddy, Tillman). Steals: 11 (Bane 3, Brooks 2, Jackson Jr. 2, Jones 2, Tillman 2). Technical Fouls: None.

CLIPPERS	34	17	21	22— 94
Memphis	21	34	31	22—108

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BRANDON DILL Associated Press

JA MORANT, defended by Russell Westbrook, had 10 points and was one of six Grizzlies in double figures.

Leonard sits out half in road loss

[**Clippers,** from B12]
right hip for the second half, it "changes things a lot" with shifting offensive and defensive roles, Westbrook said.

"I don't think we knew that, but it is what it is," guard Norman Powell said. "Just got to go out there and play with the guys that we have and I don't think that's an excuse. It was a four-point game coming into the half."

Coach Tyronn Lue, who has been frustrated this season by players' unpredictable availability, said he was "not talking about it no more" when asked about Friday's plan for Leonard.

Powell scored 16 points to lead the Clippers and Ivica Zubac had 15 points and 15 rebounds. One game after combining for 63 points to power the Clippers with Leonard absent for personal reasons, Westbrook and forward Robert Covington struggled. Westbrook had fewer points (four) than turnovers (five) and Covington scored two points.

Leonard, Lue said, was expected to play his full allotment in New Orleans. He did not have an update on whether Gordon would play.

Westbrook and Powell said that though they hadn't prepared to play without Leonard, it should have not forestalled a chance to win. Even on a night when Memphis (49-28) made just 27% of its three-pointers, and Ja Morant was limited to 10 points, it completed its comeback to lead by as many as 22 points.

If there were miscommunications on Leonard's availability, there were also communication breakdowns that led to too many second-quarter turnovers, and too many open three-point looks for former Clipper Luke Kennard.

All of it unraveled what had been a nearly flawless start.

At tipoff, three fans wearing white T-shirts emblazoned with "WESTBRICK" across the chest took their courtside seats only feet from the Clippers' sideline. Westbrook, who despises the nickname, promptly scored on the opening possession.

The Clippers built as much as a 20-point first-quarter lead by sharp execution.

The lead slipped away as the Clippers lost Kennard for four second-quarter three-pointers. Two days after being held to just three three-point attempts, he took 10 of them and made five for 17 points.

"It's just knowing personnel, losing track of him; we know what he's in the game for," Powell said.

Memphis also turned Clippers turnovers into 12 points in the second quarter.

Lineups with four guards that Lue expected would increase pace and scoring did not help, outscored by 13 points in less than three minutes in the second quarter.

"I thought we had a great first quarter and then after that we got a little stagnant and turned the basketball over," Lue said.

When the game was over, the fans in the "WESTBRICK" T-shirts happily posed for a picture. They got what they had came for. The Clippers, not so much.

BOX SCORES

LAKERS 123, TIMBERWOLVES 111

LAKERS

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
James	32	7-19	3-4	1-10	6	1	18
Vanderbilt	28	5-8	0-0	2-5	2	0	12
Davis	36	15-26	8-10	8-17	0	3	38
Reaves	30	4-9	5-6	2-6	2	1	15
Russell	33	5-12	1-2	0-1	10	3	12
Schroder	22	3-4	5-6	0-0	6	2	11
Hachimura	21	1-4	2-2	1-6	1	3	4
Gabriel	14	2-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	4
Beasley	10	3-5	0-0	0-6	0	1	9
Brown Jr.	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals		**45-90**	**24-30**	**15-53**	**28**	**17**	**123**

Shooting: Field goals, 50.0%; free throws, 80.0%

Three-point goals: 9-22 (Beasley 3-4, Vanderbilt 2-2, Reaves 2-3, James 1-3, Russell 1-4, Brown Jr. 0-1, Schroder 0-1, Davis 0-2, Hachimura 0-2). Team Rebounds: 11. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 5 (Davis 2, James 2, Hachimura). Turnovers: 16 (Davis 3, James 3, Russell 3, Reaves 2, Schroder 2, Beasley, Hachimura, Vanderbilt). Steals: 10 (Russell 2, Schroder 2, Vanderbilt 2, Davis, Gabriel, Hachimura, James). Technical Fouls: Lakers, 7:21 fourth.

MINNESOTA

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
McDaniels	37	6-14	0-0	1-5	2	4	15
Towns	35	8-18	5-5	4-8	3	5	23
Gobert	31	6-9	2-2	5-11	1	3	14
Conley	31	7-11	7-8	0-3	7	6	25
Edwards	38	4-16	1-2	0-4	3	1	11
Anderson	31	8-11	0-0	2-4	6	0	17
Prince	20	2-10	1-2	0-3	1	2	6
McLaughlin	9	0-5	0-0	0-1	2	1	0
Alexndr-Wlkr	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		**41-95**	**16-19**	**12-39**	**25**	**22**	**111**

Shooting: Field goals, 43.2%; free throws, 84.2%

Three-point goals: 13-39 (Conley 4-6, McDaniels 3-6, Edwards 2-7, Towns 2-7, Anderson 1-2, Prince 1-7, Alexander-Walker 0-1, McLaughlin 0-3). Team Rebounds: 5. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 4 (Anderson 3, McDaniels). Turnovers: 16 (McDaniels 5, Edwards 3, Conley 2, McLaughlin 2, Anderson, Gobert, Prince, Towns). Steals: 10 (Conley 3, Anderson 2, Gobert 2, Edwards, McDaniels, Prince). Technical Fouls: None.

LAKERS	27	28	35	33—123
Minnesota	29	36	18	28—111

A—18,978. T—2:23.

76ers 117, Raptors 110

TORONTO

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Anunoby	41	6-12	2-2	1-3	3	5	17
Siakam	41	5-15	3-4	0-4	7	2	14
Poeltl	33	6-8	2-4	4-10	2	2	14
Barnes	39	13-19	3-4	7-9	8	3	29
VanVleet	41	5-17	6-7	0-5	6	5	19
Boucher	18	3-5	2-2	0-1	0	1	9
Dowtin Jr.	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Koloko	7	2-3	0-0	1-1	0	1	4
Achiuwa	7	2-5	0-0	1-1	0	0	4
Totals		**42-84**	**18-23**	**14-34**	**26**	**19**	**110**

Shooting: Field goals, 50.0%; free throws, 78.3%

Three-point goals: 8-26 (Anunoby 3-8, VanVleet 3-10, Boucher 1-2, Siakam 1-3, Barnes 0-1, Achiuwa 0-2). Team Rebounds: 5. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 3 (Achiuwa, Anunoby, Barnes). Turnovers: 13 (VanVleet 6, Barnes 2, Poeltl 2, Siakam 2, Anunoby). Steals: 6 (Barnes 4, Anunoby, VanVleet). Technical Fouls: Koloko, 00:58 third.

PHILADELPHIA

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Melton	32	5-9	3-4	1-4	3	2	13
Tucker	25	3-7	0-0	2-6	1	2	9
Embiid	33	7-13	11-12	1-12	1	3	25
Harden	37	9-14	2-2	1-3	11	2	23
Maxey	36	5-8	1-1	0-0	6	2	13
McDaniels	20	3-4	0-0	0-3	1	1	7
Milton	15	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	2	3
Reed	14	3-5	5-5	4-6	2	0	11
House Jr.	12	3-5	1-1	0-1	1	2	8
Niang	11	2-6	0-0	0-1	0	4	5
Totals		**41-73**	**23-25**	**9-37**	**28**	**20**	**117**

Shooting: Field goals, 56.2%; free throws, 92.0%

Three-point goals: 12-31 (Harden 3-6, Tucker 3-6, Maxey 2-4, McDaniels 1-1, Milton 1-1, House Jr. 1-3, Niang 1-5, Embiid 0-2, Melton 0-3). Team Rebounds: 5. Team Turnovers: 2. Blocked Shots: 6 (McDaniels 2, Embiid, Harden, Melton, Reed). Turnovers: 16 (Harden 6, Embiid 5, McDaniels, Melton, Niang, Reed, Tucker). Steals: 7 (Melton 3, Harden 2, McDaniels, Niang). Technical Fouls: coach Doc Rivers, 3:35 first

Toronto	30	27	29	24—110
Philadelphia	31	46	22	18—117

A—20,993. T—2:19.

Nets 124, Hawks 107

ATLANTA

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Bey	29	6-14	2-2	3-7	2	1	16
Collins	27	2-10	1-2	1-2	1	1	5
Capela	19	3-6	0-0	2-6	0	2	6
Murray	36	9-15	2-3	2-5	5	2	21
Young	32	3-12	4-4	0-0	6	0	10
Bogdanovic	23	4-7	2-2	1-3	5	2	12
Okongwu	19	3-4	6-6	3-6	0	3	12
Griffin	16	4-8	0-0	0-2	1	0	11
J.Johnson	13	2-5	2-2	1-8	2	3	6
Fernando	4	0-1	2-2	1-2	0	0	2
Forrest	4	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Holiday	4	2-4	0-0	1-2	0	0	4
Krejci	4	1-2	0-0	1-1	1	0	2
Mathews	4	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		**39-91**	**21-23**	**16-46**	**23**	**14**	**107**

Shooting: Field goals, 42.9%; free throws, 91.3%

Three-point goals: 8-37 (Griffin 3-4, Bogdanovic 2-5, Bey 2-7, Murray 1-3, Krejci 0-1, Mathews 0-1, Holiday 0-2, J.Johnson 0-3, Young 0-5, Collins 0-6). Team Rebounds: 4. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 3 (Okongwu 2, Fernando). Turnovers: 11 (Collins 2, J.Johnson 2, Young 2, Bey, Bogdanovic, Griffin, Murray, Okongwu). Steals: 6 (Bey 2, Murray 2, Bogdanovic, Capela). Technical Fouls: None.

BROOKLYN

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Finney-Smith	24	7-10	1-1	2-8	2	0	19
C.Johnson	35	7-13	1-1	1-6	3	3	16
Claxton	27	6-7	2-4	3-12	5	3	14
Bridges	35	16-24	5-5	3-4	3	1	42
Dinwiddie	33	3-9	2-2	0-4	12	3	9
O'Neale	31	2-5	0-0	0-4	6	3	5
Harris	20	4-8	0-0	0-0	1	1	11
Curry	10	4-7	0-0	0-0	1	1	8
Sharpe	8	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Sumner	3	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Thomas	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Watanabe	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Brown	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals		**49-88**	**11-13**	**9-41**	**33**	**17**	**124**

Shooting: Field goals, 55.7%; free throws, 84.6%

Three-point goals: 15-33 (Bridges 5-8, Finney-Smith 4-6, Harris 3-6, Dinwiddie 1-3, O'Neale 1-3, C.Johnson 1-5, Curry 0-2). Team Rebounds: 4. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 3 (Claxton 2, Finney-Smith). Turnovers: 12 (Bridges 3, Claxton 3, O'Neale 3, Dinwiddie 2, Curry). Steals: 9 (C.Johnson 2, Dinwiddie 2, Bridges, Claxton, Finney-Smith, Harris, Sharpe). Technical Fouls: None.

Atlanta	33	22	24	28—107
Brooklyn	25	34	42	23—124

A—17,849. T—2:06.

Warriors 130, Spurs 115

SAN ANTONIO

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Bates-Diop	27	5-7	3-4	1-7	1	1	14
Johnson	31	7-17	5-7	0-1	4	2	22
Mamklshvili	29	6-12	1-1	7-11	4	2	13
Branham	28	8-21	0-0	0-7	2	4	19
Jones	30	3-7	3-4	1-2	6	1	10
Graham	23	1-4	3-5	0-1	3	3	6
Wesley	21	3-6	1-2	0-0	4	2	7
Champagnie	19	3-8	0-0	3-5	1	2	8
Dieng	17	5-7	0-0	0-10	2	3	14
Barlow	11	1-2	0-0	2-2	0	0	2
Totals		**42-91**	**16-23**	**14-46**	**27**	**20**	**115**

Shooting: Field goals, 46.2%; free throws, 69.6%

Three-point goals: 15-38 (Dieng 4-5, Branham 3-7, Johnson 3-7, Champagnie 2-6, Jones 1-2, Bates-Diop 1-3, Graham 1-4, Mamukelashvili 0-2, Wesley 0-2). Team Rebounds: 9. Team Turnovers: 2. Blocked Shots: 4 (Barlow 2, Bates-Diop, Mamukelashvili). Turnovers: 13 (Bates-Diop 4, Dieng 3, Branham 2, Johnson, Jones, Mamukelashvili, Wesley). Steals: 8 (Champagnie 2, Bates-Diop, Branham, Johnson, Jones, Mamukelashvili, Wesley). Technical Fouls: None.

GOLDEN STATE

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
DiVincenzo	20	0-4	1-2	0-1	5	0	1
Kuminga	27	8-11	1-3	2-8	2	2	17
D.Green	29	1-4	2-2	2-6	11	4	4
Curry	32	11-21	4-4	1-2	5	1	33
Thompson	34	11-18	2-2	0-2	2	1	31
Poole	27	8-17	5-6	1-2	6	4	27
Looney	23	3-5	0-1	2-9	3	3	6
Lamb	22	1-5	0-0	2-6	1	1	2
Payton II	17	3-5	0-1	4-8	1	2	7
Baldwin Jr.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Moody	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Quinones	1	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Totals		**47-93**	**15-21**	**14-45**	**37**	**18**	**130**

Shooting: Field goals, 50.5%; free throws, 71.4%

Three-point goals: 21-49 (Curry 7-11, Thompson 7-14, Poole 6-13, Payton II 1-2, D.Green 0-1, Kuminga 0-1, Quinones 0-1, Lamb 0-2, DiVincenzo 0-4). Team Rebounds: 8. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 4 (D.Green, Lamb, Payton II, Poole). Turnovers: 14 (D.Green 6, Poole 3, Kuminga 2, Curry, DiVincenzo, Thompson). Steals: 5 (DiVincenzo, Looney, Payton II, Poole, Thompson). Technical Fouls: None.

San Antonio	26	25	37	27—115
Golden State	23	31	33	43—130

A—18,064. T—NA.

Bulls 121, Hornets 91

CHICAGO

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Caruso	20	4-7	0-0	1-4	3	3	10
DeRozan	32	8-15	6-7	1-3	4	0	23
Vucevic	30	9-14	3-4	2-8	0	0	21
Beverley	24	2-3	0-0	0-5	2	1	4
LaVine	28	7-18	6-7	0-3	3	1	23
White	26	4-7	0-0	1-5	7	1	11
P.Williams	24	5-10	2-2	0-0	0	0	15
Dosunmu	23	1-4	0-0	0-0	4	3	2
Drummond	13	3-4	0-0	2-11	1	1	6
Terry	4	1-2	1-2	0-1	1	1	3
C.Jones	3	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Simonovic	3	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Taylor	2	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	3
Totals		**45-88**	**18-22**	**9-42**	**25**	**13**	**121**

Shooting: Field goals, 51.1%; free throws, 81.8%

Three-point goals: 13-31 (White 3-5, LaVine 3-6, P.Williams 3-6, Caruso 2-5, Taylor 1-1, DeRozan 1-2, Beverley 0-1, Dosunmu 0-2, Vucevic 0-3). Team Rebounds: 5. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 4 (Caruso 2, Dosunmu, Drummond). Turnovers: 7 (White 2, DeRozan, Dosunmu, Drummond, LaVine, Terry). Steals: 12 (Beverley 2, Drummond 2, Terry 2, Caruso, DeRozan, Dosunmu, LaVine, P.Williams, White). Technical Fouls: None.

CHARLOTTE

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
McGowens	23	3-7	1-2	0-5	2	2	8
Washington	11	3-6	0-0	0-2	2	2	8
M.Williams	35	3-6	0-0	1-8	0	3	6
Maledon	33	4-13	1-3	0-4	9	3	9
Mykhailiuk	33	7-12	0-0	0-2	5	1	16
Bouknight	31	8-16	0-0	1-6	4	2	22
Thor	28	3-10	2-2	1-3	0	1	10
K.Jones	18	1-2	1-1	1-2	2	1	3
Richards	12	2-2	0-0	0-3	1	4	5
Sneed	7	1-2	2-2	0-1	1	2	4
Simmons	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals		**35-77**	**7-10**	**4-36**	**27**	**21**	**91**

Shooting: Field goals, 45.5%; free throws, 70.0%

Three-point goals: 14-37 (Bouknight 6-11, Washington 2-4, Mykhailiuk 2-5, Thor 2-6, Richards 1-1, McGowens 1-3, Simmons 0-1, Sneed 0-1, Maledon 0-5). Team Rebounds: 9. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 5 (K.Jones, M.Williams, Mykhailiuk, Richards, Simmons). Turnovers: 21 (Thor 4, M.Williams 3, Maledon 3, Bouknight 2, McGowens 2, Mykhailiuk 2, Sneed 2, K.Jones, Richards, Washington). Steals: 3 (K.Jones, M.Williams, Maledon). Technical Fouls: None.

Chicago	31	31	28	31—121
Charlotte	23	23	31	14— 91

A—18,768. T—2:06.

Magic 116, Wizards 109

ORLANDO

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Banchero	33	8-17	13-14	2-12	6	3	30
F.Wagner	32	8-14	2-2	2-5	1	2	20
Carter Jr.	26	5-11	0-2	0-7	3	3	11
Fultz	33	11-15	1-2	1-6	4	2	25
G.Harris	20	0-6	0-0	0-2	1	0	0
Anthony	27	7-11	0-0	0-7	4	2	16
Suggs	23	2-6	4-6	0-3	2	0	8
Bitadze	21	1-4	0-0	1-3	3	3	2
Houstan	14	0-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	0
M.Wagner	6	2-2	0-0	0-2	0	1	4
Totals		**44-88**	**20-26**	**6-48**	**26**	**16**	**116**

Shooting: Field goals, 50.0%; free throws, 76.9%

Three-point goals: 8-24 (Fultz 2-2, Anthony 2-3, F.Wagner 2-3, Banchero 1-3, Carter Jr. 1-5, Bitadze 0-1, Houstan 0-2, Suggs 0-2, G.Harris 0-3). Team Rebounds: 9. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 14 (Banchero 3, Anthony 2, Bitadze 2, Fultz 2, G.Harris 2, Carter Jr., F.Wagner, Suggs). Turnovers: 10 (Banchero 2, F.Wagner 2, Fultz 2, Anthony, Bitadze, Carter Jr., Suggs). Steals: 2 (Bitadze, Suggs). Technical Fouls: Magic, 6:48 first.

WASHINGTON

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Avdija	31	2-14	2-3	0-6	4	4	6
Kispert	41	9-14	0-0	0-3	0	3	27
Gafford	32	8-14	2-3	7-13	1	5	18
Morris	13	1-5	1-1	1-3	5	0	4
Wright	32	8-15	3-3	3-9	4	2	21
Davis	28	4-15	0-0	0-3	1	3	10
Goodwin	17	2-9	2-2	2-5	5	1	7
Nunn	13	5-10	0-0	0-3	2	4	12
Gill	12	1-5	0-0	1-3	2	1	2
Gibson	10	0-3	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Cooks	5	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	2
Totals		**41-105**	**10-12**	**15-51**	**24**	**24**	**109**

Shooting: Field goals, 39.0%; free throws, 83.3%

Three-point goals: 17-50 (Kispert 9-14, Nunn 2-5, Wright 2-6, Davis 2-10, Morris 1-3, Goodwin 1-5, Gill 0-1, Avdija 0-6). Team Rebounds: 8. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 5 (Davis 2, Gafford 2, Nunn). Turnovers: 12 (Gafford 3, Davis 2, Goodwin 2, Nunn 2, Avdija, Cooks, Gill). Steals: 5 (Gafford, Goodwin, Morris, Nunn, Wright). Technical Fouls: None.

Orlando	24	36	25	31—116
Washington	32	31	33	13—109

A—16,411. T—2:15.

Knicks 130, Cavaliers 116

NEW YORK

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Barrett	29	6-17	0-0	0-7	1	3	14
Toppin	18	5-7	0-0	1-1	1	1	12
Robinson	22	4-5	2-3	9-14	1	1	10
Brunson	37	18-32	5-8	2-4	9	1	48
Grimes	35	4-9	3-3	1-3	2	2	14
Quickley	30	5-16	2-3	1-4	4	1	14
Hart	29	4-4	2-3	1-7	1	2	11
Hartenstein	25	2-2	1-4	1-8	4	1	5
McBride	10	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2
Totals		**49-93**	**15-24**	**16-48**	**24**	**12**	**130**

Shooting: Field goals, 52.7%; free throws, 62.5%

Three-point goals: 17-36 (Brunson 7-12, Grimes 3-8, Toppin 2-2, Quickley 2-6, Barrett 2-7, Hart 1-1). Team Rebounds: 9. Team Turnovers: 3. Blocked Shots: 5 (Hartenstein 3, Robinson 2). Turnovers: 7 (Barrett 2, Brunson 2, Quickley 2, Robinson). Steals: 6 (Hartenstein 2, Robinson 2, Grimes, Quickley). Technical Fouls: None.

CLEVELAND

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
LeVert	37	5-12	1-1	0-4	7	1	15
Stevens	24	1-6	0-0	1-7	1	4	2
E.Mobley	41	6-8	2-3	0-7	5	1	14
Garland	37	8-19	2-2	0-3	9	2	20
Mitchell	39	16-23	4-5	0-4	5	5	42
Osman	20	4-9	2-2	1-1	2	3	14
Wade	12	2-4	0-0	0-3	0	0	5
Neto	9	0-1	0-0	1-3	2	1	0
Rubio	9	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	2
Lopez	6	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	2
Totals		**44-86**	**11-13**	**3-33**	**33**	**21**	**116**

Shooting: Field goals, 51.2%; free throws, 84.6%

Three-point goals: 17-37 (Mitchell 6-9, LeVert 4-7, Osman 4-8, Garland 2-4, Wade 1-3, Neto 0-1, Rubio 0-2, Stevens 0-3). Team Rebounds: 7. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 9 (E.Mobley 3, Stevens 2, LeVert, Mitchell, Osman, Wade). Turnovers: 10 (Mitchell 4, Garland 2, LeVert 2, Osman, Stevens). Steals: 2 (LeVert, Stevens). Technical Fouls: None.

New York	42	37	26	25—130
Cleveland	47	25	30	14—116

A—19,432. T—2:09.

Kings 138, Trail Blazers 114

SACRAMENTO

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Barnes	30	2-6	6-6	2-2	1	1	11
Murray	27	8-14	0-0	1-3	3	4	20
Sabonis	33	9-14	2-5	3-12	8	2	20
Fox	27	8-11	3-4	1-8	11	3	20
Huerter	22	5-9	0-0	0-2	1	2	14
Monk	24	8-12	0-0	0-2	5	3	20
Mitchell	18	2-3	0-0	0-2	5	1	4
Edwards	17	4-7	0-0	0-0	2	1	10
Lyles	15	3-5	0-0	1-8	1	2	7
Len	12	2-2	0-0	0-2	0	2	4
Davis	3	3-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	8
Dozier	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Holmes	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Metu	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		**54-88**	**11-15**	**8-41**	**38**	**21**	**138**

Shooting: Field goals, 61.4%; free throws, 73.3%

Three-point goals: 19-39 (Monk 4-7, Murray 4-7, Huerter 4-8, Davis 2-2, Edwards 2-4, Lyles 1-2, Fox 1-3, Barnes 1-4, Holmes 0-1, Mitchell 0-1). Team Rebounds: 6. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 7 (Murray 3, Edwards, Huerter, Len, Monk). Turnovers: 13 (Sabonis 5, Fox 2, Lyles 2, Barnes, Edwards, Huerter, Mitchell). Steals: 11 (Edwards 2, Fox 2, Sabonis 2, Barnes, Davis, Lyles, Monk, Murray). Technical Fouls: Kings, 5:10 second.

PORTLAND

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Thybulle	23	2-4	2-2	0-2	1	2	8
Watford	21	3-9	2-4	1-4	2	0	8
Eubanks	28	7-10	4-7	5-10	1	3	18
Mays	30	5-8	1-1	1-2	6	1	14
Sharpe	36	10-20	3-4	0-3	5	1	27
Knox II	27	3-10	2-3	1-4	5	0	9
Harrison	24	2-4	0-0	0-5	4	4	6
Walker	19	5-12	0-0	1-2	3	2	14
Butler Jr.	15	1-4	0-0	0-0	2	2	3
Little	11	2-4	1-2	0-1	0	0	7
Totals		**40-85**	**15-23**	**9-33**	**29**	**15**	**114**

Shooting: Field goals, 47.1%; free throws, 65.2%

Three-point goals: 19-38 (Walker 4-6, Sharpe 4-10, Mays 3-6, Harrison 2-2, Little 2-2, Thybulle 2-3, Butler Jr. 1-3, Knox II 1-4, Watford 0-2). Team Rebounds: 11. Team Turnovers: 2. Blocked Shots: 6 (Sharpe 2, Thybulle 2, Eubanks, Walker). Turnovers: 18 (Sharpe 6, Knox II 3, Eubanks 2, Mays 2, Thybulle 2, Walker 2, Watford). Steals: 9 (Eubanks 2, Butler Jr., Knox II, Little, Mays, Sharpe, Thybulle, Watford). Technical Fouls: None.

Sacramento	36	35	33	34—138
Portland	27	32	30	25—114

A—18,389. T—2:04.

Pacers 121, Thunder 117

OKLAHOMA CITY

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Dort	36	4-9	4-6	3-10	1	4	12
Jal.Williams	29	6-10	2-2	0-6	6	5	14
Jay.Williams	15	0-0	0-0	1-3	0	1	0
Giddey	32	9-19	2-4	3-7	4	0	21
Gilgus-Alxndr	38	11-22	17-17	0-9	4	6	39
Wiggins	27	5-6	1-1	2-3	2	3	12
Joe	24	2-10	3-4	1-2	1	2	7
Waters III	17	3-7	0-0	1-2	1	2	8
Pokusevski	10	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	0	2
Dieng	6	1-2	0-0	0-2	1	1	2
Totals		**42-88**	**29-34**	**11-45**	**21**	**24**	**117**

Shooting: Field goals, 47.7%; free throws, 85.3%

Three-point goals: 4-30 (Waters III 2-6, Wiggins 1-2, Giddey 1-4, Dieng 0-1, Dort 0-2, Gilgeous-Alexander 0-2, Pokusevski 0-2, Jal.Williams 0-3, Joe 0-8). Team Rebounds: 4. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 3 (Gilgeous-Alexander, Waters III, Wiggins). Turnovers: 10 (Gilgeous-Alexander 3, Jal.Williams 2, Dort, Giddey, Jay.Williams, Pokusevski, Wiggins). Steals: 10 (Joe 3, Dort 2, Jal.Williams 2, Gilgeous-Alexander, Jay.Williams, Wiggins). Technical Fouls: None.

INDIANA

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Nesmith	24	3-11	1-1	4-6	2	2	9
Nwora	29	6-14	0-0	1-6	6	2	13
Smith	29	5-10	1-3	5-15	1	3	12
Mathurin	35	5-8	4-5	2-4	0	1	15
Nembhard	31	7-16	1-2	2-3	6	4	18
McConnell	29	10-15	0-0	1-9	8	3	21
Hield	23	5-12	0-1	0-3	5	2	13
Jackson	18	4-4	5-8	2-4	0	3	13
Brissett	18	0-8	7-8	3-6	2	1	7
Totals		**45-98**	**19-28**	**20-56**	**30**	**21**	**121**

Shooting: Field goals, 45.9%; free throws, 67.9%

Three-point goals: 12-41 (Nembhard 3-7, Hield 3-8, Nesmith 2-7, Mathurin 1-3, McConnell 1-3, Smith 1-3, Nwora 1-6, Brissett 0-4). Team Rebounds: 8. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 4 (Jackson 2, Nwora, Smith). Turnovers: 15 (McConnell 4, Nembhard 4, Brissett 2, Hield 2, Mathurin, Nesmith, Smith). Steals: 5 (Hield 2, Jackson, McConnell, Nesmith). Technical Fouls: None.

Oklahoma City	32	29	33	23—117
Indiana	36	29	25	31—121

A—16,506. T—2:32.

Celtics 122, Jazz 114

UTAH

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Fontecchio	30	5-13	0-0	2-4	1	1	12
Olynyk	30	3-9	1-1	1-8	3	3	8
Kessler	33	10-13	0-0	5-10	2	1	20
Agbaji	29	4-12	2-2	2-7	2	3	12
Hortn-Tuckr	31	9-21	10-10	1-8	7	0	28
Dunn	23	8-13	0-1	0-4	4	2	16
Tscno-Andrsn	17	2-3	0-0	1-2	3	1	5
Juzang	16	2-7	0-0	1-4	0	1	6
Jones	14	1-1	0-0	0-3	1	2	3
Samanic	12	2-4	0-0	0-2	0	3	4
Totals		**46-96**	**13-14**	**13-52**	**23**	**17**	**114**

Shooting: Field goals, 47.9%; free throws, 92.9%

Three-point goals: 9-29 (Juzang 2-5, Agbaji 2-6, Fontecchio 2-8, Jones 1-1, Toscano-Anderson 1-1, Olynyk 1-3, Samanic 0-2, Horton-Tucker 0-3). Team Rebounds: 5. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 7 (Kessler 3, Dunn 2, Olynyk, Samanic). Turnovers: 18 (Horton-Tucker 4, Olynyk 3, Agbaji 2, Dunn 2, Jones 2, Kessler 2, Samanic 2, Toscano-Anderson). Steals: 3 (Fontecchio, Jones, Samanic). Technical Fouls: Dunn, 3:31 fourth

BOSTON

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Brown	34	5-19	2-2	0-2	4	3	12
Tatum	35	12-17	10-11	1-11	3	4	39
Griffin	24	1-5	4-4	5-12	5	0	6
Smart	28	5-16	0-0	1-2	2	4	14
White	28	6-15	3-3	1-2	2	0	17
Brogdon	31	7-14	2-2	0-3	7	0	19
Williams	17	5-6	0-0	1-5	2	1	13
Kornet	15	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Hauser	12	1-1	0-0	0-1	2	0	2
Muscala	12	0-3	0-0	1-2	0	2	0
Totals		**42-96**	**21-22**	**10-42**	**27**	**14**	**122**

Shooting: Field goals, 43.8%; free throws, 95.5%

Three-point goals: 17-51 (Tatum 5-8, Smart 4-13, Williams 3-4, Brogdon 3-8, White 2-9, Griffin 0-2, Muscala 0-2, Brown 0-5). Team Rebounds: 7. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 4 (Brogdon, Kornet, White, Williams). Turnovers: 11 (Brown 3, Griffin 2, Smart 2, Brogdon, Hauser, Muscala, White). Steals: 8 (Tatum 3, Smart 2, Brogdon, Brown, Griffin). Technical Fouls: Griffin, 4:42 fourth

Utah	29	22	27	36—114
Boston	27	30	36	29—122

A—19,156. T—2:05.

Rockets 121, Pistons 115

DETROIT

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Bagley III	34	8-13	5-6	1-3	1	2	21
Livers	28	4-8	1-1	1-4	0	4	12
Wiseman	23	4-10	0-0	1-4	1	6	8
Hayes	28	3-8	3-4	2-5	6	3	10
Ivey	34	8-20	0-0	1-3	9	5	18
Joseph	25	7-11	0-0	1-4	5	1	17
Duren	24	4-7	3-8	5-10	0	4	11
Omoruyi	17	3-7	4-6	1-3	0	1	11
Rhoden	15	2-3	2-2	0-3	1	2	7
Hampton	7	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Totals		**43-89**	**18-27**	**13-40**	**24**	**28**	**115**

Shooting: Field goals, 48.3%; free throws, 66.7%

Three-point goals: 11-35 (Joseph 3-6, Livers 3-6, Ivey 2-9, Rhoden 1-2, Hayes 1-3, Omoruyi 1-4, Hampton 0-1, Bagley III 0-2, Wiseman 0-2). Team Rebounds: 10. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 7 (Wiseman 3, Duren, Hayes, Joseph, Livers). Turnovers: 12 (Ivey 4, Bagley III 2, Hayes 2, Joseph 2, Duren, Omoruyi). Steals: 7 (Duren 2, Hampton 2, Ivey 2, Joseph). Technical Fouls: Duren, 2:57 first

HOUSTON

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Martin Jr.	35	3-6	9-12	1-6	1	3	15
Smith Jr.	36	4-14	4-4	2-11	1	4	13
Sengun	34	5-7	5-6	3-13	7	5	15
Green	36	10-18	10-16	0-1	5	4	32
Porter Jr.	37	12-20	2-3	2-3	1	5	33
Eason	24	1-11	2-2	6-10	1	1	5
Christopher	15	2-5	0-0	0-1	1	0	4
Marjanovic	7	0-0	2-2	0-1	0	0	2
Nix	6	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	2
Garuba	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Totals		**38-83**	**34-45**	**14-46**	**18**	**24**	**121**

Shooting: Field goals, 45.8%; free throws, 75.6%

Three-point goals: 11-31 (Porter Jr. 7-13, Green 2-5, Eason 1-2, Smith Jr. 1-6, Nix 0-1, Christopher 0-2, Martin Jr. 0-2). Team Rebounds: 15. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 5 (Martin Jr. 2, Smith Jr. 2, Eason). Turnovers: 12 (Sengun 4, Green 3, Porter Jr. 3, Nix 2). Steals: 9 (Porter Jr. 4, Christopher 3, Eason 2). Technical Fouls: Eason, 4:17 second

Detroit	28	33	31	23—115
Houston	31	27	33	30—121

A—15,844. T—2:28.

Suns 100, Nuggets 93

DENVER

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Braun	29	4-6	2-3	1-5	1	2	11
Gordon	36	10-23	4-10	5-8	6	0	26
Jordan	21	2-5	1-3	2-12	0	2	5
Brown	37	7-18	2-2	2-4	3	3	16
Jackson	34	6-14	0-0	1-2	4	1	13
Watson	26	2-6	0-0	0-8	1	1	5
Nnaji	23	4-8	0-0	3-5	0	3	9
Cancar	16	2-5	2-2	1-4	0	3	6
Smith	14	1-10	0-0	0-3	4	1	2
Totals		**38-95**	**11-20**	**15-51**	**19**	**16**	**93**

Shooting: Field goals, 40.0%; free throws, 55.0%

Three-point goals: 6-26 (Gordon 2-4, Braun 1-2, Watson 1-2, Nnaji 1-3, Jackson 1-9, Brown 0-2, Cancar 0-2, Smith 0-2). Team Rebounds: 10. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 5 (Watson 2, Gordon, Jordan, Smith). Turnovers: 11 (Jackson 3, Gordon 2, Smith 2, Cancar, Jordan, Nnaji, Watson). Steals: 11 (Brown 3, Jordan 3, Gordon 2, Braun, Jackson, Nnaji). Technical Fouls: Nuggets, 11:05 first

PHOENIX

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Durant	33	11-15	6-7	0-4	2	0	30
Okogie	28	5-8	0-0	2-5	0	2	14
Ayton	28	4-11	0-2	1-10	1	5	8
Booker	35	9-20	7-8	0-2	6	2	27
Paul	33	2-9	0-0	0-6	13	3	5
Biyombo	19	3-8	3-4	6-7	1	1	9
Warren	16	2-6	0-0	3-6	3	1	4
Craig	15	1-3	0-0	1-6	0	1	3
Ross	15	0-3	0-0	0-2	2	0	0
Payne	14	0-5	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Totals		**37-88**	**16-21**	**13-50**	**28**	**16**	**100**

Shooting: Field goals, 42.0%; free throws, 76.2%

Three-point goals: 10-27 (Okogie 4-5, Durant 2-3, Booker 2-9, Craig 1-1, Paul 1-4, Payne 0-1, Warren 0-1, Ross 0-3). Team Rebounds: 11. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 7 (Biyombo 3, Durant 2, Craig, Warren). Turnovers: 16 (Paul 5, Booker 4, Durant 3, Ayton 2, Okogie, Warren). Steals: 8 (Warren 2, Ayton, Booker, Durant, Okogie, Paul, Ross). Technical Fouls: None.

Denver	20	20	34	19— 93
Phoenix	32	28	24	16—100

A—17,071. T—NA.

NL STANDINGS

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10
Colorado	2	0	1.000	–	2-0
DODGERS	1	1	.500	1	1-1
Arizona	1	1	.500	1	1-1
San Francisco	0	1	.000	1½	0-1
San Diego	0	2	.000	2	0-2
Central	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**L10**
Chicago	1	0	1.000	–	1-0
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000	–	1-0
Cincinnati	0	1	.000	1	0-1
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1	0-1
St. Louis	0	1	.000	1	0-1
East	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**L10**
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	–	1-0
Miami	1	1	.500	½	1-1
New York	1	1	.500	½	1-1
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1	0-1
Washington	0	1	.000	1	0-1

Friday's results
Arizona 2, at DODGERS 1
at Miami 2, New York 1
Colorado 4, at San Diego 1

AL STANDINGS

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	L10
Oakland	1	0	1.000	–	1-0
Texas	1	0	1.000	–	1-0
Houston	1	1	.500	½	1-1
Seattle	1	1	.500	½	1-1
ANGELS	0	1	.000	1	0-1
Central	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**L10**
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	–	1-0
Chicago	1	1	.500	½	1-1
Cleveland	1	1	.500	½	1-1
Detroit	0	1	.000	1	0-1
Kansas City	0	1	.000	1	0-1
East	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**L10**
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	–	1-0
New York	1	0	1.000	–	1-0
Tampa Bay	1	0	1.000	–	1-0
Toronto	1	0	1.000	–	1-0
Boston	0	1	.000	1	0-1

Friday's results
at Houston 6, Chicago 3
Cleveland 9, at Seattle 4

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE >>>

MATCHUP	W-L	ERA	TIME
ARI/Bumgarner (L)	—	—	6 p.m.
Dodgers/Kershaw (L)	—	—	SNLA
MIL/Woodruff (R)	—	—	11:15 a.m.
CHI/Steele (L)	—	—	
ATL/Strider (R)	—	—	1 p.m.
WAS/Gray (R)	—	—	
NY/Megill (R)	—	—	1 p.m.
Miami/Cabrera (R)	—	—	
PIT/Hill (L)	—	—	1 p.m.
CIN/Lodolo (L)	—	—	
COL/Ureña (R)	—	—	5:30 p.m.
SD/Wacha (R)	—	—	

AMERICAN LEAGUE >>>

MATCHUP	W-L	ERA	TIME
Angels/Sandoval (L)	—	—	1 p.m.
OAK/Fujinami (R)	—	—	BSW
CHI/Giolito (R)	—	—	11 a.m.
HOU/Urquidy (R)	—	—	
BAL/Kremer (R)	—	—	1 p.m.
BOS/Sale (L)	—	—	
DET/Turnbull (R)	—	—	1 p.m.
TB/Eflin (R)	—	—	
MIN/Gray (R)	—	—	1 p.m.
KC/Lyles (R)	—	—	
CLE/Civale (R)	—	—	6:30 p.m.
SEA/Gilbert (R)	—	—	FS1

INTERLEAGUE >>>

MATCHUP	W-L	ERA	TIME
TOR/Gausman (R)	—	—	11:15 a.m.
STL/Flaherty (R)	—	—	
PHI/Wheeler (R)	—	—	1 p.m.
TEX/Eovaldi (R)	—	—	
SF/Cobb (R)	—	—	1 p.m.
NY/Schmidt (R)	—	—	Ch. 11

ODDS

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Favorite		Underdog	
at DODGERS	-260	Arizona	+215
at Chicago Cubs	OFF	Milwaukee	OFF
Atlanta	-280	at Washington	+230
at Cincinnati	-142	Pittsburgh	+120
N.Y. Mets	-116	at Miami	-102
at San Diego	-225	Colorado	+188

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Favorite		Underdog	
ANGELS	-174	at Oakland	+146
at Houston	-158	Chicago White Sox	+134
at Tampa Bay	-168	Detroit	+142
at Boston	-162	Baltimore	+136
Minnesota	-156	at Kansas City	+132
at Seattle	-142	Cleveland	+120

INTERLEAGUE

Favorite		Underdog	
Toronto	-132	at St. Louis	+112
at N.Y. Yankees	-136	San Francisco	+116
Philadelphia	-134	at Texas	+114

NOTES

MLB records 14 clock violations

Major League Baseball's opening day had 14 pitch clock violations in 15 games and the average game time shrunk 26 minutes to 2 hours, 45 minutes.

Five pitch timer violations were by batters, eight by pitchers and one by a catcher.

Also, in a sign that efforts to spur the running game may be working, runners were 21 of 23 on steal attempts Thursday.

Etc.

The Seattle Mariners acquired infielder-outfielder **Nick Solak** from the Cincinnati Reds for cash. ... Tampa Bay Rays pitcher **Israel Mateo** was suspended 55 games under the minor league drug program following a positive test for the performance-enhancing substance Boldenone.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

May's strong debut goes to waste

[**Dodgers,** from B12]

If Thursday's performance showed the Dodgers at their best, Friday was a reminder of the kinks their new-look team has to work out — even on a night they were backed up by dominant starting pitching.

"Every day," manager Dave Roberts said, "I'm trying to learn about guys even more."

The most encouraging lesson from Friday came courtesy of May, who checked all the boxes the Dodgers were hoping to see from the 25-year-old flame-thrower in the longest and, perhaps, most complete outing of his young career.

He pounded the zone and worked quick off soft contact. He mixed all five of his pitches, from a 100-mph fastball to swing-and-miss curveball, while striking out four and yielding just three hits and one walk.

Most of all, the fiery right-hander kept his emotions in check — or, more importantly, funneled them in the right direction — as he strutted around the mound.

"[It went] very good," May said. "Was getting ahead of a lot of guys, getting a lot of quick outs."

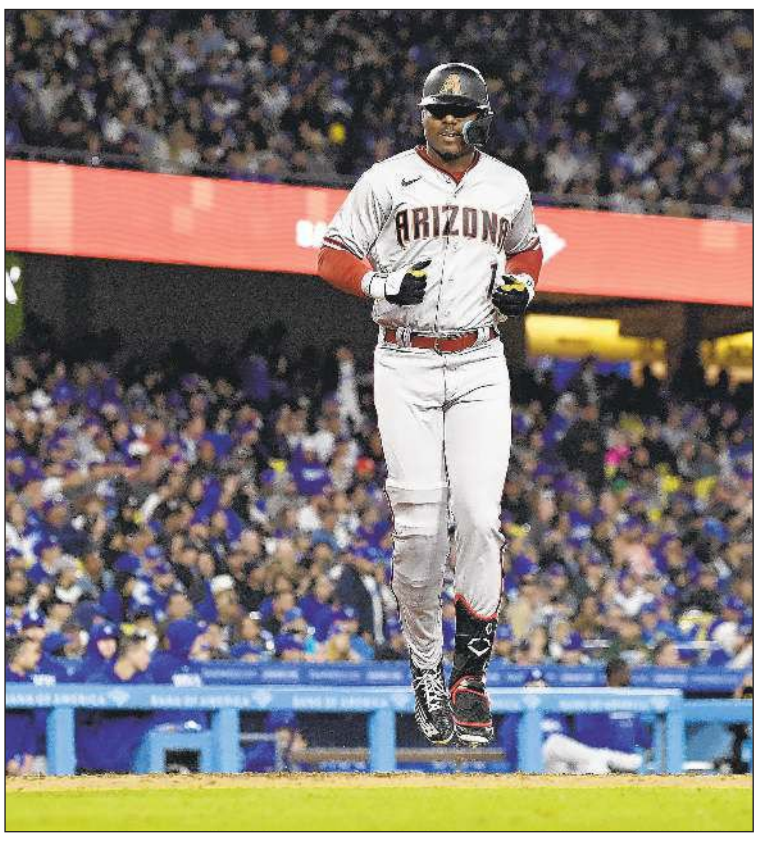
Diamondbacks pitchers encountered a far different fate. While the Dodgers collected just five hits, they drew nine walks and had at least one baserunner in every inning. Starter Merrill Kelly was knocked out in the bottom of the fourth, and the team's spotty bullpen faced jams the rest of the night.

Unlike Thursday's opener, however, the Dodgers failed to take advantage of almost every opportunity.

They stranded at least one man in all nine innings, and left two aboard in the first, fourth and eighth.

They suffered a baserunning blunder in the second, when David Peralta was caught attempting a steal on what had been his own decision (the call came down to a close video review) just hours after Roberts proclaimed the Dodgers were "not in the business of running into outs" even under MLB's new baserunning-friendly rules.

And then, even after the Dodgers finally went ahead on Betts' first home run of the year, they weren't able to make the lead last.



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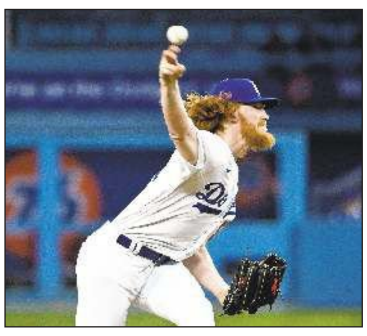
THE DIAMONDBACKS' Kyle Lewis leaps at the plate after hitting a two-run home run in the eighth to put his team ahead.



DUSTIN MAY threw seven shutout innings but took a no-decision after Arizona erased a late 1-0 deficit.

Tasked with taking down a left-handed portion of the Diamondbacks lineup, Vesia instead faltered against a pair of right-handed pinch-hitters.

With one out, Evan Longoria laced a full-count fastball to left for a double. A batter later, Kyle Lewis turned on a 2-and-1 slider that went sailing into the left-field pavilion.

"Just one bad pitch," said Vesia, who downplayed the impact MLB's new pitch timer had on the inning. "I felt like I was in a decent rhythm."

Roberts pointed to some other unlucky moments for his team. After a leadoff walk in the third, Freddie Freeman, Will Smith and Max Muncy all flied out on well-struck swings.

With two outs in the eighth, Miguel Rojas stung a potential tying line drive that was snagged by shortstop Nick Ahmed.

And despite having the top of the order up in the ninth, and getting a runner to second base with two outs again, the Dodgers left one last opportunity to follow up Thursday's win with a dramatic Friday night encore wasted.

"We had traffic, we squared some balls up," Roberts said. "But unfortunately, it was right at those guys."

Injured Gonsolin making progress

Tony Gonsolin appears to finally be making strides in his recovery from a sprained ankle.

More than three weeks since getting hurt when he turned his ankle slowly trotting off a backfield at Dodgers spring training, Gonsolin has resumed throwing bullpens.

"Tony's doing well," Roberts said, a day after the right-hander threw about 30 pitches in a bullpen session at Dodger Stadium.

Roberts said Gonsolin will head back to the team's Camelback Ranch facility in Arizona next week to face hitters Wednesday.

The team has been hoping to get Gonsolin back into its major league rotation by the end of April. In the meantime, Michael Grove is slated to get at least 2-3 starts in Gonsolin's place.

D'BACKS 2
DODGERS 1

Streak	Lost 1	This month	1-1
Home	1-1	Road	0-0
Division	1-1	Interleague	0-0

Next: Tonight vs. Arizona, Dodger Stadium, 6
TV/Radio: SportsNet LA/570, 1020

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.
Jameson p	0	0	0	0	---
J.Rojas 3b	3	0	0	0	.000
c-Lewis	1	1	1	2	.200
McGough p	0	0	0	0	---
Chafin p	0	0	0	0	---
Marte 2b	4	0	0	0	.143
Gurriel Jr. dh	4	0	1	0	.250
Walker 1b	4	0	1	0	.286
Carroll lf-cf	4	0	2	0	.286
Moreno c	4	0	1	0	.167
McCarthy rf	4	0	0	0	.000
Thomas cf	2	0	0	0	.000
a-Ahmed ss	2	0	0	0	.200
Perdomo ss	1	0	0	0	.000
b-Lngria 3b	1	1	1	0	.250
Totals	**34**	**2**	**7**	**2**	

Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.
Betts rf	3	1	1	1	.143
Freeman 1b	5	0	0	0	.222
Smith c	3	0	1	0	.571
Muncy 3b	5	0	1	0	.100
Martinez dh	4	0	0	0	.125
Peralta lf	3	0	1	0	.429
M.Vargas 2b	1	0	1	0	.333
Outman cf	3	0	0	0	.333
M.Rojas ss	4	0	0	0	.250
Totals	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	

Arizona	000	000	020 –2	7	0
Dodgers	000	000	100 –1	5	0

a-grounded out for Thomas in the 8th. b-doubled for Perdomo in the 8th. c-homered for J.Rojas in the 8th.

Walks—Arizona 1: Perdomo 1. Dodgers 9: Betts 2, Smith 2, Peralta 1, M.Vargas 3, Outman 1. **Strikeouts**—Arizona 5: Gurriel Jr. 1, Walker 1, Moreno 1, McCarthy 1, Perdomo 1. Dodgers 9: Betts 1, Freeman 1, Martinez 3, Outman 2, M.Rojas 2. **LOB**—Arizona 6, Dodgers 12. **2B**—Carroll (1), Longoria (1), M.Vargas (1). **HR**—Lewis (1), off Vesia; Betts (1), off Jameson. **RBIs**—Lewis 2 (2), Betts (1). **SB**—Peralta (0). **CS**—Peralta (1).

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kelly	3⅔	3	0	0	4	4	74	0.00
Jameson, W, 1-0	4	2	1	1	3	5	66	2.25
McGough, H, 1	⅓	0	0	0	2	0	13	0.00
Chafin, S, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	0.00
Dodgers	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
May	7	3	0	0	1	4	84	0.00
Vesia, L, 0-1, BS, 0-1	⅔	3	2	2	0	0	21	27.00
Phillips	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Ferguson	1	1	0	0	0	1	15	0.00

Inherited runners-scored—Jameson 2-0, McGough 1-0, Chafin 1-0, Phillips 1-0. **WP**—McGough.

U—Hunter Wendelstedt, John Tumpane, Ryan Blakney, Marvin Hudson. **T**—2:41. **Tickets sold**—45,389 (56,000).

There is no excusing Rendon's actions

[**Hernández,** from B12]

perhaps at the brim of his Athletics cap.

"Get the f— out of here," Rendon barked.

Rendon's slap missed its intended target. He couldn't hit a civilian; no wonder he went hitless in the game with two strikeouts.

Already, Rendon was the Angels' $245-million money suck, spending the majority of the last two seasons on the injured list while taking up about a fifth of the team's payroll. He became something worse Thursday, a player without perspective, a selfish millionaire who placed his childish needs for retribution above the organization's well-being.

This is a player the Angels are counting on as much as they are Shohei Ohtani or Mike Trout. Good luck to them with that.

Rendon is under investigation by the commissioner's office and will deserve the suspension he is likely to receive. He is also under investigation by the Oakland Police Department and will deserve whatever comes of that. (Police said no victim has come forward.)

To be clear, the fan deserved worse than what he got, provided he said what Rendon accused him of saying. A grown man can't call another grown man certain names and expect nothing to happen.

That doesn't mean it was Rendon's place to administer justice.

Receiving verbal abuse is part of a professional athlete's job, especially on the road. There's no inherent value in hitting a baseball. What makes that particular skill valuable is that people care about it. They care enough to spend hundreds of dollars to buy tickets and hundreds more on merchandise. They care enough to develop a love of certain players and hatred of others.

The emotions projected onto the game and its players are why Anthony Rendon will earn $38 million this year.

Rendon doesn't have to be here. He has the choice of walking away and playing for free in a Sunday beer league in which people won't call him names.

He's in his 11th year in the major leagues. He should know better.

He doesn't. The Angels had a day off Friday, but the fact that he didn't want to address the situation until their series against the Athletics resumed the next day speaks to how he doesn't appreciate the gravity of his actions.

Rendon's agent, Scott Boras, pointed to how every other stadium has tunnels leading from the dugouts to the clubhouses, sparing players the sometimes-unpleasant business of walking by fans after games.

"Major League Baseball needs to address stadium security," Boras said. "This is the only stadium in Major League Baseball where fans have access to players after games."

Still, that's no excuse for Rendon's behavior. Rendon crossed a line that can't be crossed.

Say what you want about Arte Moreno, but the unpopular Angels owner has been consistent in his demands for how players comport themselves. Moreno made efforts to hold accountable Gary Matthews Jr. and Josh Hamilton, Matthews for reports that he received shipments of human growth hormone and Hamilton for a drug relapse.

Once the league disciplines Rendon, it would be in Moreno's best interest to issue a statement denouncing his conduct. The culture of an organization is defined by its owner.

In the meantime, the Angels have to wonder if Rendon is not broken only physically but also broken mentally. In the 2-1 defeat on opening night, he stranded two runners in the fourth inning and two more in the eighth.

With Rendon, the assumption was always that he would produce so long as he could remain on the field. His extreme reaction to being jeered should raise questions about what's suddenly made him so sensitive. Is he starting to question whether he can deliver?

Rendon is healthy but figures to miss even more games, this time to his second suspension in as many years. Last year, he was hit with a five-game ban for participating in a brawl against the Mariners while on the injured list.

When Rendon signed with the Angels before the 2020 season, he explained that he chose them over the Dodgers in part because of his concerns about "the Hollywood lifestyle." Ironically, his major lapse in judgment brought Hollywood to him, the story of his run-in featured prominently on celebrity gossip site TMZ.

MARLINS 2
METS 1

Skip Schumaker, an 11-year big league veteran, got his first win as a major league manager for the Marlins, who held off the Mets despite going one for eight with runners in scoring position.

New York	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.
Nimmo cf	3	0	0	0	.167
Marte rf	4	0	2	0	.500
Lindor ss	2	0	0	0	.167
Alonso 1b	4	1	1	1	.125
Canha dh	3	0	0	0	.000
McNeil 2b-lf	4	0	0	0	.250
Escobar 3b	3	0	0	0	.143
Pham lf	2	0	0	0	.000
a-Gllrme 2b	1	0	0	0	.000
Nido c	2	0	0	0	.000
b-Voglbch	1	0	1	0	.500
1-Locastro	0	0	0	0	---
Narváez c	0	0	0	0	.333
Totals	**29**	**1**	**4**	**1**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.
Arraez 2b	3	0	1	0	.429
Segura 3b	4	0	0	0	.000
Cooper dh	4	0	3	0	.500
Chslm Jr. cf	4	1	1	1	.125
Soler rf	4	1	2	1	.375
DL Cruz lf	0	0	0	0	.000
García lf-rf	4	0	0	0	.000
Gurriel 1b	3	0	1	0	.333
Fortes c	3	0	1	0	.333
Berti ss	3	0	1	0	.250
Wendle ss	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	**32**	**2**	**10**	**2**	

New York	000	000	001 –1	4	0
Miami	010	000	01x –2	10	0

a-grounded out for Pham in the 8th. b-doubled for Nido in the 8th. 1-ran for Vogelbach in the 8th.

Walks—New York 4: Nimmo 1, Lindor 2, Canha 1. Miami 1: Arraez 1. **Strikeouts**—New York 8: Lindor 2, Canha 2, McNeil 1, Escobar 1, Nido 2. Miami 5: Segura 2, Chisholm Jr. 1, García 1, Berti 1. **LOB**—New York 5, Miami 7. **2B**—Vogelbach (1). **3B**—Cooper (1). **HR**—Alonso (1), off Puk; Soler (1), off Peterson; Chisholm Jr. (1), off Curtiss. **RBIs**—Alonso (1), Soler (1), Chisholm Jr. (1). **SB**—Marte (2). **CS**—Marte (1). **Runners left in scoring position**—New York 3 (Marte, Alonso 2); Miami 4 (Fortes, Chisholm Jr. 2, Arraez). **RISP**—New York 0 for 3; Miami 1 for 8.

Runners moved up—García, Gurriel. **GIDP**—McNeil, Segura.

DP—New York 1 (Alonso, Lindor, Alonso); Miami 1 (Berti, Gurriel).

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Peterson, L, 0-1	5	8	1	1	1	5	84	1.80
Hunter	2	1	0	0	0	0	19	0.00
Curtiss	1	1	1	1	0	0	12	9.00
Miami	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Luzardo, W, 1-0	5⅔	2	0	0	4	5	91	0.00
Chargois, H, 1	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	14	0.00
Floro, H, 1	1	1	0	0	0	0	11	0.00
Puk, S, 1-1	1	1	1	1	0	2	10	9.00

Inherited runners-scored—Chargois 3-0.

U—Chris Guccione, David Rackley, Edwin Moscoso, Larry Vanover. **T**—2:09. **Tickets sold**—14,797 (37,446).

ASTROS 6
WHITE SOX 3

Yordan Alvarez hit a go-ahead three-run double in the seventh inning to help propel the Astros, who received their 2022 World Series rings from owner Jim Crane in a pregame ceremony.

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.
Andrsn ss	4	1	2	0	.500
Rbrt Jr. cf	5	0	1	0	.333
Bentndi lf	5	1	1	0	.222
Jiménez dh	4	1	2	2	.222
Mncda 3b	4	0	3	1	.444
Sheets 1b	4	0	0	0	.000
Grandal c	4	0	1	0	.250
Colás rf	3	0	0	0	.200
Andrus 2b	4	0	1	0	.250
Totals	**37**	**3**	**11**	**3**	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.
Peña ss	3	1	1	0	.286
Bregman 3b	3	1	0	0	.000
Alvarez lf	3	0	1	3	.333
J.Abreu 1b	3	1	1	0	.286
Tucker rf	3	2	1	2	.200
Julks dh	4	0	1	0	.250
Hensley 2b	3	0	2	1	.667
Meyers cf	3	0	0	0	.000
Madndo c	3	1	0	0	.167
Totals	**28**	**6**	**7**	**6**	

Chicago	100	002	000 –3	11	0
Houston	000	002	31x –6	7	0

Walks—Chicago 1: Anderson 1. Houston 7: Bregman 1, Alvarez 1, J.Abreu 1, Tucker 1, Hensley 1, Meyers 1, Maldonado 1. **Strikeouts**—Chicago 11: Anderson 1, Robert Jr. 4, Jiménez 1, Sheets 2, Grandal 2, Colás 1. Houston 8: Peña 1, Alvarez 1, Tucker 1, Julks 2, Hensley 1, Meyers 2. **LOB**—Chicago 9, Houston 6. **2B**—Jiménez 2 (2), Benintendi (1), Moncada (1), Alvarez (1). **HR**—Tucker (1), off Lynn. **RBIs**—Jiménez 2 (2), Moncada (1), Tucker 2 (2), Alvarez 3 (4), Hensley (1). **SB**—Anderson (1), Peña (1), Andrus (1), Tucker (1), Hensley (1). **CS**—Peña (1). **RISP**—Chicago 3 for 9; Houston 2 for 7. **Runners moved up**—Benintendi, Grandal. **GIDP**—Colás, Meyers, Maldonado. **DP**—Chicago 2 (Moncada, Andrus, Sheets; Anderson, Andrus, Sheets); Houston 1 (Hensley, Peña, J.Abreu).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lynn	5⅔	3	2	2	4	6	96	3.18
Lambert, H, 1	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.00
Graveman, L, 1-1, H, 1	⅔	2	3	3	2	0	15	16.20
Diekman, BS, 0-1	⅓	1	1	1	1	0	12	27.00
Ruiz	1	1	0	0	0	2	18	0.00
Houston	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Javier	5	8	3	3	1	6	82	5.40
Maton	1	0	0	0	0	1	13	0.00
Martinez, W, 1-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	13	0.00
B.Abreu, H, 1	1	1	0	0	0	3	12	0.00
Montero, S, 1-2	1	1	0	0	0	1	20	4.50

Inherited runners-scored—Diekman 3-3, Ruiz 1-1, Maton 1-0. **HBP**—Lynn (Peña), Maton (Colás).

U—Rob Drake, Chad Whitson, Roberto Ortiz, Bill Miller. **T**—2:40. **Tickets sold**—41,453 (41,000).

GUARDIANS 9
MARINERS 4

Steven Kwan became the second player in Cleveland franchise history with five RBIs in either of the first two games of the season as the Guardians took advantage of three Seattle errors.

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.
Kwan lf	4	0	2	5	.250
Rosario ss	6	0	2	1	.300
Ramírez 3b	5	1	1	0	.222
Bell 1b	3	0	0	0	.143
Arias 1b	0	0	0	0	---
Naylor dh	5	0	2	1	.250
Gonzalez rf	5	1	2	0	.400
Gménz 2b	4	3	2	0	.286
Zunino c	3	2	1	0	.167
Straw cf	4	2	1	0	.143
Totals	**39**	**9**	**13**	**7**	

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.
Rodríguez cf	5	1	2	1	.222
Wong 2b	4	1	1	1	.143
France 1b	3	1	1	0	.571
Hernández rf	4	0	0	0	.000
Raleigh c	4	0	1	2	.250
Suárez 3b	4	0	1	0	.286
Kelenic lf	4	0	1	0	.286
Hummel dh	3	1	0	0	.000
Crawford ss	3	0	0	0	.200
Totals	**34**	**4**	**7**	**4**	

Cleveland	030	230	010 –9	13	0
Seattle	102	100	000 –4	7	3

Walks—Cleveland 8: Kwan 1, Ramírez 1, Bell 2, Giménez 1, Zunino 2, Straw 1. Seattle 3: Wong 1, France 1, Crawford 1. **Strikeouts**—Cleveland 4: Kwan 1, Bell 1, Naylor 2. Seattle 13: Rodríguez 2, Wong 1, Hernández 3, Kelenic 3, Hummel 2, Crawford 2. **E**—Hernández (1), Ray (1), Wong (1). **LOB**—Cleveland 12, Seattle 7. **2B**—Kwan (1), Ramírez (2), Rodríguez 2 (2), Kelenic (1), Raleigh (1). **RBIs**—Kwan 5 (5), Rosario (1), Naylor (1), Wong (1), Raleigh 2 (2), Rodríguez (1). **SB**—Giménez 2 (1), Straw (1), Rosario (1), Hummel (1). **CS**—Straw (0). **SF**—Kwan. **Runners left in scoring position**—Cleveland 6 (Ramírez, Gonzalez, Bell 2, Zunino, Naylor); Seattle 4 (Suárez, Wong, Crawford, Rodríguez). **RISP**—Cleveland 6 for 17; Seattle 3 for 9. **Runners moved up**—Straw, Kwan, Bell, Hummel. **DP**—Seattle 1 (Hernández, Raleigh, Hernández).

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gaddis	3⅔	5	4	4	1	4	70	9.82
Sandlin, W, 1-0	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	18	0.00
Morgan	1	1	0	0	1	3	22	0.00
De Los Santos	1	0	0	0	1	1	19	0.00
Stephan	1	0	0	0	0	2	11	0.00
Clase	1	0	0	0	0	2	10	0.00
Seattle	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Ray, L, 0-1	3⅓	4	5	3	5	3	91	8.10
Gott	1⅓	4	3	0	0	0	35	0.00
Murfee	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	7	0.00
Flexen	4	4	1	1	3	1	66	2.25

HBP—Gaddis (Hummel). **WP**—Gaddis, Ray.

U—Jordan Baker, Tripp Gibson, Brennan Miller, Mark Carlson. **T**—3:05. **Tickets sold**—31,516 (47,929).

ROCKIES 4
PADRES 1

Kyle Freeland made a brilliant defensive play and held San Diego to three hits in six scoreless innings as the Padres were booed for the second straight night at Petco Park.

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.
Daza cf	5	0	2	0	.300
Bryant rf	4	1	1	0	.444
Blckmn dh	4	2	2	2	.556
Cron 1b	2	0	1	0	.714
McMhn 2b	4	0	0	1	.111
Montero 3b	4	0	2	1	.444
Trejo 3b	0	0	0	0	---
Díaz c	4	0	0	0	.125
Castro lf	4	0	0	0	.111
Tovar ss	4	1	1	0	.222
Totals	**35**	**4**	**9**	**4**	

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.
Bogaerts ss	3	0	1	1	.571
Soto lf	3	0	0	0	.000
Machado 3b	4	0	1	0	.286
Cruz dh	4	0	0	0	.000
Crnwrth 1b	4	0	0	0	.000
Nola c	3	0	0	0	.167
a-Carpenter	1	0	0	0	.000
Kim 2b	3	1	3	0	.571
Grisham cf	2	0	0	0	.167
Azocar rf	2	0	0	0	.000
Totals	**29**	**1**	**5**	**1**	

Colorado	200	020	000 –4	9	0
San Diego	000	000	010 –1	5	0

a-struck out for Nola in the 9th.

Walks—Colorado 3: Bryant 1, Cron 2. San Diego 2: Soto 1, Grisham 1.**Strikeouts**—Colorado 8: Bryant 1, Blackmon 1, Cron 1, Montero 2, Díaz 2, Tovar 1. San Diego 5: Bogaerts 1, Soto 1, Cruz 1, Cronenworth 1, Carpenter 1. **LOB**—Colorado 8, San Diego 5. **2B**—Kim 2 (2). **HR**—Blackmon (1), off Martinez. **RBIs**—McMahon (1), Montero (2), Blackmon 2 (2), Bogaerts (1). **SB**—Daza (1). **SF**—Bogaerts. **S**—Azocar.

Runners left in scoring position—Colorado 4 (Díaz 2, Blackmon, Bryant); San Diego 4 (Azocar, Soto, Grisham, Carpenter). **RISP**—Colorado 3 for 10; San Diego 0 for 5.

Runners moved up—Daza, Bryant, McMahon. **GIDP**—McMahon, Machado.

DP—Colorado 1 (Montero, McMahon, Cron); San Diego 1 (Nola, Machado, Cronenworth).

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Freeland, W, 1-0	6	3	0	0	1	1	74	0.00
Suter	1	0	0	0	0	1	13	0.00
Hand	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	9.00
Johnson, S, 1-1	1	1	0	0	0	2	19	0.00
San Diego	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Martinez, L, 0-1	7	6	4	4	2	5	101	5.14
Hill	1	2	0	0	0	1	14	0.00
García	1	1	0	0	1	2	26	0.00

HBP—Hill (Blackmon).

U—Brian O'Nora, Pat Hoberg, Nestor Ceja, Chris Conroy. **T**—2:27. **Tickets sold**—43,177 (40,222).

GOLF SCORES

$8.9-MILLION VALERO TEXAS OPEN
At San Antonio—Par 72
TPC San Antonio, Oaks Course—7,438 yards
36-hole leaders

Patrick Rodgers	66-67—133	-11
Corey Conners	64-72—136	-8
Michael Thompson	69-68—137	-7
Eric Cole	71-67—138	-6
Chris Kirk	67-72—139	-5
Peter Malnati	67-72—139	-5
Michael Kim	68-71—139	-5
Nico Echavarria	73-66—139	-5
Hayden Buckley	67-73—140	-4
Beau Hossler	71-69—140	-4
Ben Martin	70-70—140	-4
S.H. Kim	72-68—140	-4
Dylan Wu	70-71—141	-3
Alex Noren	70-71—141	-3
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	69-72—141	-3
Andrew Novak	69-72—141	-3
Matti Schmid	70-71—141	-3
Sam Ryder	71-70—141	-3
Matt Wallace	69-72—141	-3
Luke Donald	70-72—142	-2
Robby Shelton	73-69—142	-2
Hideki Matsuyama	70-72—142	-2
Emiliano Grillo	70-72—142	-2
Charley Hoffman	73-69—142	-2
Justin Lower	69-73—142	-2
Taylor Montgomery	68-74—142	-2
Trevor Werbylo	72-70—143	-2
Tano Goya	72-70—143	-2
Kevin Chappell	71-71—142	-2

$1.8-MILLION LPGA DIO IMPLANT L.A. OPEN
At Palos Verdes—Par 71
Palos Verdes Golf Club—6,258 yards
36-hole leaders

Hyo Joo Kim	66-66—132	-10
Ruoning Yin	68-64—132	-10
Nasa Hataoka	67-66—133	-9
Maude-Aimee Leblanc	67-67—134	-8
Megan Khang	66-69—135	-7
Lilia Vu	69-66—135	-7
Jennifer Kupcho	72-64—136	-6
Patty Tavatanakit	69-67—136	-6
Perrine Delacour	68-69—137	-5
Charley Hull	68-69—137	-5
Lizette Salas	73-64—137	-5
Hannah Green	71-67—138	-4
Frida Kinhult	71-67—138	-4
Nelly Korda	68-70—138	-4
Atthaya Thitikul	72-66—138	-4
Matilda Castren	70-69—139	-3
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	69-70—139	-3
Danielle Kang	71-68—139	-3
Sarah Kemp	72-67—139	-3
Cheyenne Knight	71-68—139	-3
Mi Hyang Lee	65-74—139	-3
Linnea Strom	73-66—139	-3
Mina Harigae	70-70—140	-2
Lauren Hartlage	70-70—140	-2
Moriya Jutanugarn	72-68—140	-2
Gina Kim	69-71—140	-2
Jessica Korda	68-72—140	-2
Lucy Li	67-73—140	-2
Marina Alex	72-69—141	-1
Pajaree Anannarukarn	71-70—141	-1
Hye Jin Choi	70-71—141	-1
Gemma Dryburgh	70-71—141	-1
Georgia Hall	69-72—141	-1
Minami Katsu	71-70—141	-1
Jin Young Ko	72-69—141	-1
Alison Lee	73-68—141	-1
Yealimi Noh	70-71—141	-1
Hinako Shibuno	73-68—141	-1
Jasmine Suwannapura	69-72—141	-1

$25-MILLION LIV TOUR ORLANDO
At Orlando, Fla.—Par 71
Orange County National—7,493 yards
18-hole leaders

Sebastian Munoz	62	-9
Richard Bland	64	-7
Danny Lee	65	-6
Brooks Koepka	65	-6
Lee Westwood	66	-5
Harold Varner III	66	-5
Henrik Stenson	67	-4
Dustin Johnson	67	-4
Branden Grace	67	-4
Patrick Reed	67	-4
Dean Burmester	67	-4
Chase Koepka	67	-4
Matthew Wolff	67	-4
Jason Kokrak	68	-3
Marc Leishman	68	-3
Laurie Canter	68	-3
Thomas Pieters	68	-3
Mito Pereira	68	-3
Paul Casey	69	-2
Charles Howell III	69	-2
Ian Poulter	69	-2
Pat Perez	69	-2
Cameron Smith	69	-2
Talor Gooch	69	-2
Andy Ogletree	69	-2
Phil Mickelson	70	-1
Louis Oosthuizen	70	-1
Cameron Tringale	70	-1
Carlos Ortiz	70	-1
Abraham Ancer	70	-1
Scott Vincent	70	-1
Bryson DeChambeau	70	-1

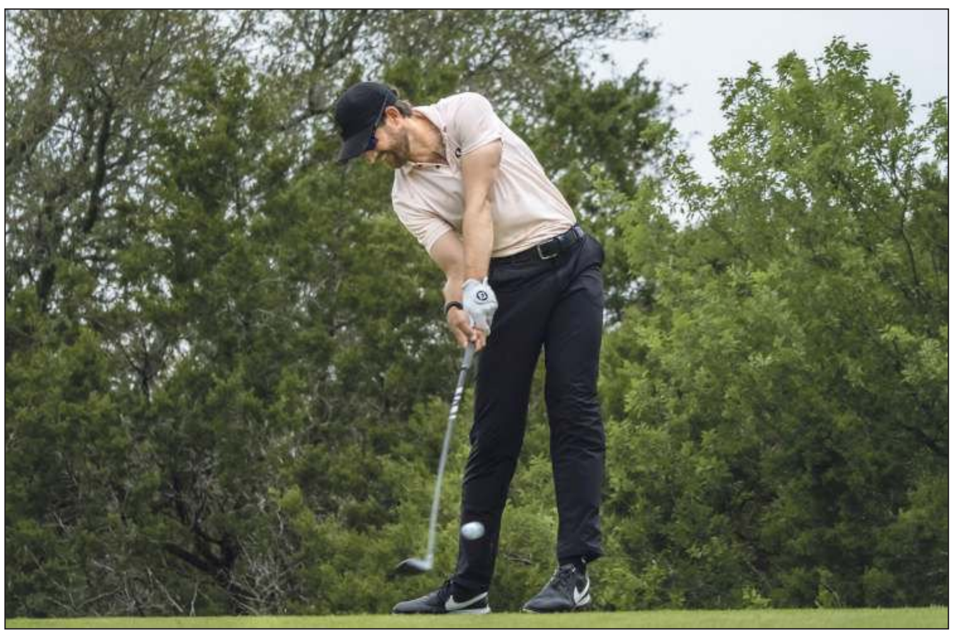
TENNIS RESULTS

$8.8-MILLION MIAM1 OPEN
At Miami Gardens, Fla.
Surface: Hard-outdoor

MEN'S SINGLES (semifinals)—Daniil Medvedev (4), Russia, d. Karen Khachanov (14), Russia, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-3; Jannik Sinner (10), Italy, d. Carlos Alcaraz (1), Spain, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES (semifinals)—Petra Kvitova (15), Czech Republic, d. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 7-5, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES (semifinals)—Jessica Pegula and Coco Gauff (2), d. Nicole Melichar-Martinez, and Ellen Perez (8), Australia, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4).



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PATRICK RODGERS tees off on the 15th hole at the Valero Texas Open. Rodgers took a three-shot lead with the afternoon field unable to finish the second round.

THE DAY IN SPORTS

Yin cards career-low 64 to share LA Open lead

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Ruoning Yin had the low round of her LPGA Tour career, a seven-under-par 64 on Friday to share the 36-hole lead with **Hyo Joo Kim** at the DIO Implant LA Open.

Yin, a 20-year-old from China in her second year on the LPGA Tour, made four birdies in a five-hole stretch on her second nine at Palos Verdes Golf Club.

Kim, whose five career wins include a major at the Evian Championship in 2014, shot her second straight five-under 66. She has made one bogey through two rounds.

Nasa Hataoka (66) was one shot back.

Patrick Rodgers took a step toward his first PGA Tour victory — and his first Masters appearance — shooting a five-under 67 to take a three-stroke lead midway through the second round of the weather-delayed Valero Texas Open. ... **Sebastián Muñoz** opened with an eagle on his way to a nine-under 62 and a two-shot lead at LIV Golf-Orlando (Fla). ... **Aaron Wise** has withdrawn from the Masters, posting on social media that he needs time away to focus on his mental health.

TENNIS

No. 1 Alcaraz upset by Sinner

Tenth-seeded **Jannick Sinner** stunned top-ranked **Carlos Alcaraz** in the Miami Open semifinals, rallying to beat the defending champion, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-2 in a three-hour thriller.

Sinner will face fourth-seeded **Daniil Medvedev** of Russia in the championship Sunday after Medvedev beat countryman **Karen Khachanov** 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-3.

Petra Kvitova beat unseeded **Sorana Cirstea** 7-5, 6-3 in the women's semifinal and will face **Elena Rybakina** in the final.

Russian and Belarusian players will be able to compete at Wimbledon as neutral athletes after the All England Club reversed its ban from last year.

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Niumatalolo joins Bruins' staff

Chip Kelly announced the hiring of **Ken Niumatalolo**, the winningest coach in Navy history, as UCLA's newly created director of leadership. As part of his duties, Niumatalolo will advise the Bruins football staff and players.

— BEN BOLCH

The Buffalo Bills signed free-agent safety **Taylor Rapp** to a one-year contract.

UCLA redshirt senior big man **Kenneth Nwuba** announced on Instagram he will return for a sixth season.

— BEN BOLCH

Purdue center **Zach Edey** was voted Associated Press men's college basketball player of the year and Marquette's **Shaka Smart** coach of the year. ... Kansas sharpshooter **Gradey Dick** is entering the NBA draft. ... Michigan center **Hunter Dickinson** has entered the transfer portal.

Minnesota Timberwolves center **Naz Reid** is out indefinitely with a broken left wrist. ... **LaMarcus Aldridge** announced he is retiring again from the NBA.

Brittany Force led top fuel qualifying with a 3.712-second pass at the NHRA Winternationals in Pomona.

John Brockington, a former All-Pro fullback who ranks fourth on the Green Bay Packers' career rushing list, has died. He was 74.

PRO CALENDAR

	SAT 1	SUN 2	MON 3	TUE 4	WED 5
DODGERS	**ARIZONA** 6 SNLA	**ARIZONA** 1 SNLA	**COLORADO** 7 SNLA	**COLORADO** 7 SNLA	
ANGELS	**at Oakland** 1 BSW	**at Oakland** 1 BSW	**at Seattle** 6:30 BSW	**at Seattle** 6:30 BSW	**at Seattle** 1 BSW
LAKERS		**at Houston** 4 SpecSN		**at Utah** 6 SpecSN	**at Clippers** 7 SpecSN, ESPN
CLIPPERS	**at New Orleans** 5:30 Ch. 5				**LAKERS** 7 BSSC, ESPN
KINGS	**at Seattle** 7 Ch. 13	**at Vancouver** 5 BSW		**EDMONTON** 7:30 ESPN	
DUCKS	**at Edmonton** 7 BSSC	**at Calgary** 5 BSSC			**EDMONTON** 7 TNT
GALAXY	**SEATTLE** 4:45 Ch. 11, Apple TV				
LAFC	**at Colorado** 6:30 Apple TV				**at Vancouver** ** 7
ANGEL CITY		**at Orlando** 2:30 Paramount+			

Shade denotes home game. **CONCACAF Champions League

TODAY ON THE AIR

TIME	EVENT	ON THE AIR
AUTO RACING		
5 a.m.	NASCAR, Xfinity Series, ToyotaCare 250, qualifying	**TV:** FS1
7 a.m.	NASCAR, Cup Series, Toyota Owners 400, qualifying	**TV:** FS1
10 a.m.	NASCAR, Xfinity Series, ToyotaCare 250	**TV:** FS1
1:30 p.m.	NASCAR, Truck Series, SpeedyCash.com 220	**TV:** FS1
10 p.m.	Formula One, Australia Grand Prix	**TV:** ESPN, ESPND
BASEBALL		
1 p.m.	San Francisco at New York Yankees	**TV:** 11, FOXD
1 p.m.	Angels at Oakland	**TV:** BSW **R:** 830
6 p.m.	Arizona at Dodgers	**TV:** SNLA **R:** 570, 1020
6:30 p.m.	Cleveland at Seattle	**TV:** FS1
BASKETBALL		
4:30 p.m.	Dallas at Miami	**TV:** NBA
5:30 p.m.	Clippers at New Orleans	**TV:** 5 **R:** 1150
COLLEGE BASEBALL		
3 p.m.	Louisville at North Carolina State	**TV:** ACC
4 p.m.	UCLA at Washington State	**TV:** Pac-12, Pac-12LA
5 p.m.	Mississippi at Texas A&M	**TV:** SEC
7 p.m.	Arizona State at California	**TV:** Pac-12
7 p.m.	USC at Utah	**TV:** Pac-12LA
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
9 a.m.	NCAA Women's Division III championship, Transylvania vs. Christopher Newport	**TV:** CBSSN
12:30 p.m.	NCAA Women's Division II championship, Minnesota Duluth vs. Ashland	**TV:** CBSSN
2:30 p.m.	WNIT, Columbia at Kansas	**TV:** CBSSN
3 p.m.	NCAA Final Four, San Diego State vs. Florida Atlantic	**TV:** 2
5:45 p.m.	NCAA Final Four, Miami vs. Connecticut	**TV:** 2
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
Noon	Michigan spring game	**TV:** Big Ten
COLLEGE GYMNASTICS		
5 p.m.	Big Ten championships, individual events	**TV:** Big Ten
COLLEGE LACROSSE		
8 a.m.	Women, Rutgers at Johns Hopkins	**TV:** ESPNU
9 a.m.	Women, North Carolina at Notre Dame	**TV:** ACC
10 a.m.	Michigan at Maryland	**TV:** ESPNU
11 a.m.	Notre Dame at Syracuse	**TV:** ACC
Noon	Rutgers at Johns Hopkins	**TV:** ESPNU
COLLEGE SOFTBALL		
9 a.m.	Texas at Oklahoma	**TV:** ESPN2
9 a.m.	Florida at South Carolina	**TV:** SEC
11 a.m.	Tennessee at Texas A&M	**TV:** SEC
Noon	Utah at California	**TV:** Pac-12
1 p.m.	Mississippi at Auburn	**TV:** SEC
2 p.m.	Oregon at Oregon State	**TV:** Pac-12
2 p.m.	Michigan at Nebraska	**TV:** Big Ten
GOLF		
9 a.m.	Augusta National Women's Amateur, final round	**TV:** 4
10 a.m.	LIV Tour, Orlando, second round	**TV:** 5
10 a.m.	Valero Texas Open, third round	**TV:** Golf
12:30 p.m.	Valero Texas Open, third round	**TV:** 4
3 p.m.	LPGA DIO Implant L.A. Open, third round	**TV:** Golf
HOCKEY		
10 a.m.	St. Louis at Nashville	**TV:** NHL
Noon	Boston at Pittsburgh	**TV:** 7
5 p.m.	New Jersey at Chicago	**TV:** ESPN2
7 p.m.	Kings at Seattle	**TV:** BSW **R:** iHeart
7 p.m.	Ducks at Edmonton	**TV:** BSSC **R:** Ducks Stream
HORSE RACING		
10:30 a.m.	America's Day at the Races	**TV:** FS2
2 p.m.	America's Day at the Races	**TV:** BSSC
3 p.m.	Florida Derby	**TV:** CNBC
LACROSSE		
4 p.m.	NLL, Buffalo at Toronto	**TV:** ESPNU
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS		
6 p.m.	PFL Challenger Series, welterweights	**TV:** ESPN, ESPND
PREP BASKETBALL		
7 a.m.	Girls' Geico Nationals	**TV:** ESPN2
9 a.m.	Boys' Geico Nationals	**TV:** ESPN
10:30 a.m.	Throne National Championship, final	**TV:** 11
PRO FOOTBALL		
Noon	XFL, San Antonio at Vegas	**TV:** ESPN2
3 p.m.	XFL, D.C. at Orlando	**TV:** ESPN, ESPND
SOCCER		
5 a.m.	Spain, Espanyol at Girona	**TV:** ESPND
7 a.m.	England, Leeds at Arsenal	**TV:** USA
7:15 a.m.	Spain, Getafe at Athletic Club	**TV:** ESPND
8 a.m.	France, Troyes at Auxerre	**TV:** beIN1, beINes
9 a.m.	Germany, Borussia Dortmund at Bayern Munich	**TV:** 7, ESPND
9:30 a.m.	NWSL, Portland FC at Kansas City	**TV:** 2
9:30 a.m.	England, Aston Villa at Chelsea	**TV:** USA
Noon	Uruguay, Nacional at Penarol	**TV:** GOLTV
Noon	France, Lens at Rennes	**TV:** beIN1, beINes
Noon	Spain, Barcelona at Elche	**TV:** ESPND
2:30 p.m.	Ecuador, Mushuc Runa at Barcelona	**TV:** GOLTV
4 p.m.	Mexico, Cruz Azul at Pachuca	**TV:** KMEX, TUDN, Univision
4:45 p.m.	MLS, Seattle at Galaxy	**TV:** 11, FOXD, Apple TV **R:** 1330
5 p.m.	Ecuador, Emelec at Delfin	**TV:** GOLTV
6 p.m.	Mexico, Leon at America	**TV:** KMEX, TUDN, Univision
6 p.m.	Mexico, Tijuana at Monterrey	**TV:** FS2, FOXD
6:30 p.m.	MLS, LAFC at Colorado	**TV:** Apple TV **R:** 980
8 p.m.	Mexico, Guadalajara at Atlas	**TV:** KMEX, TUDN, Univisio
TENNIS		
9:30 a.m.	Miami Open, men's doubles final	**TV:** Tennis
Noon	Miami Open, women's singles final	**TV:** Tennis

NHL STANDINGS

Sixteen teams qualify for the Stanley Cup playoffs. The format is a set bracket that is largely division-based with wild cards. The top three teams in each division will make up the first 12 teams in the playoffs. The remaining four spots will be filled by the next two highest-placed finishers in each conference, based on regular-season record, and regardless of division.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Pacific	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Vegas	46	22	7	99	249	216
Edmonton	44	23	9	97	300	255
KINGS	43	22	10	96	259	240
Seattle	41	25	8	90	258	237
Calgary	35	26	15	85	245	237
Vancouver	34	34	7	75	260	281
San Jose	21	39	15	57	216	289
DUCKS	23	42	10	56	191	306
Central	**W**	**L**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Minnesota	44	22	9	97	228	201
Dallas	41	20	14	96	260	207
Colorado	44	24	6	94	247	205
Winnipeg	42	31	3	87	228	214
Nashville	37	29	8	82	206	219
St. Louis	35	34	6	76	247	276
Arizona	27	36	13	67	213	267
Chicago	24	45	6	54	183	271

Note: Overtime or shootout losses worth one point.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Metropolitan	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Carolina	47	18	9	103	243	195
x-New Jersey	47	20	8	102	259	207
x-NY Rangers	44	21	11	99	256	205
NY Islanders	39	28	9	87	226	207
Pittsburgh	37	28	10	84	241	243
Washington	34	33	9	77	238	238
Philadelphia	29	32	13	71	202	243
Columbus	23	43	8	54	199	293
Atlantic	**W**	**L**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
z-Boston	58	12	5	121	278	160
x-Toronto	44	20	10	98	253	206
Tampa Bay	44	26	6	94	262	231
Florida	38	31	7	83	265	260
Buffalo	36	31	7	79	264	273
Ottawa	37	33	5	79	241	244
Detroit	33	33	9	75	221	250
Montreal	30	40	6	66	219	281

x-clinched playoff berth; z-conference

RESULTS

AT BUFFALO 3 N.Y. RANGERS 2 (OT)	Jeff Skinner scored at 1:50 of overtime after the Sabres blew a 2-0 lead. Devon Levi made 32 saves in his debut.
AT WINNIPEG 6 DETROIT 2	Kyle Connor, Mark Scheifele and Blake Wheeler each had a goal and an assist. The Jets ended a two-game skid.
CALGARY 5 AT VANCOUVER 4 (OT)	Tyler Toffoli scored 3:27 into overtime, his second of the game, after Jacob Markstrom's save at the other end.
DALLAS 5 AT ARIZONA 2	Jason Robertson got his 42nd goal, plus three assists, to set the Stars' single-season scoring mark with 94 points.

TODAY'S GAMES

KINGS at Seattle, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 10 a.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Florida at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Arizona, 7 p.m.
DUCKS at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Boston at Pittsburgh, noon
Carolina at Montreal, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at Vegas, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

KINGS at Vancouver, 5 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 10 a.m.
NY Islanders at Carolina, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
New Jersey at Winnipeg, 4 p.m.
DUCKS at Calgary, 5 p.m.
Boston at St. Louis, 12:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Columbus, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 4 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Vegas at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

Loyola has no trouble vs. Mira Costa

The Cubs' Kelly sets the tone early with huge spike in a sweep over the Mustangs.

LOYOLA 3
MIRA COSTA 0

BY LUCA EVANS

Loyola High's tower of terror took flight, the 6-foot-7 Sean Kelly's full momentum bending into a spike that had brutal intentions. Rising in his way was another giant, Mira Costa's 6-8 setter Tread Rosenthal, attempting a block. No matter.

Kelly smacked the ball so hard off Rosenthal's face that it doubled over the Texas transfer in midair, Kelly's Loyola teammates walking away with mouths agape.

In another era of the timeless Loyola-Mira Costa rivalry, of clean-shaven Cubs walking in wearing suits and ties and Mustangs entering with mustaches and Hawaiian shirts, that deafening first-set spike might've warranted a skirmish. Before club volleyball emerged, Loyola coach Michael Boehle said, these two teams would walk into the gym hating each other.

"The tactics that were played — I'd get up from a timeout," Boehle recalled, "and there'd be Gatorade all over the seat. Just stupid stuff like that."

But times have changed in the era of club volleyball, where a majority of Loyola and Mira Costa players have grown up playing with one another. Kelly and Mustangs star pin hitter Victor Loiola, in fact, play together on the U.S. U19 junior national team. So Kelly ducked toward the net after the point and exchanged a quick handshake with Rosenthal.

A timeless rivalry has become a game among buddies rather than a war of enemies. But behind a rollicking student section that stampeded a box of cookies into the hardwood at host-site Loyola Marymount, Loyola swept Mira Costa 25-14, 25-19, 25-19 in a dominant win — proving the spirit of a historic game is more alive than ever.

"Probably the all-time best," Boehle said postgame.

Long the Cubs' home site for the Mira Costa-Loyola rivalry match, the game hadn't been played at LMU since 2016 thanks to scheduling conflicts and COVID-19. Players have asked him every year, Boehle said, if the game was returning. And the community joy was evident.

Loyola kids set up a tailgate in the parking lot pregame, complete with a mini-barbecue. And they came with force amid a crowd of over 1,500, cries for Mira Costa to "hit the showers!" coming as early as the second set.

The energy was "unreal," Kelly said. And humble as he was postgame, Loyola's "Captain America" — as the student section dubbed him — put together a similarly unreal performance. After his exclamation-point spike in a dominant first set, he went off for eight kills in the second, flying across the court for shots from the back row.

"It didn't look like he was playing that hard, even ... he was very within himself," Mira Costa coach Avery Drost said.

Drost's message to his team throughout the week playing at LMU, he said, was not to think about the game's narrative. The tale. And ultimately, the Mustangs didn't look like the best version of themselves Friday, as serves flew long and setter-hitter connections were consistently out of sync — leaving the story of the rivalry's new era to Loyola.

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Half of Leonard results in whole defeat

Clippers star plays only first two quarters and L.A. falls apart in road loss to Grizzlies.

MEMPHIS 108
CLIPPERS 94

By Andrew Greif

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — When the Clippers returned to their sideline seats after Friday's halftime break, they trailed the Memphis Grizzlies by four. Their 20-point lead was gone, and so, too, was about to be their best player.

After scoring 12 points in 18 first-half minutes, Kawhi Leonard watched from the sideline after halftime as the Clippers staggered to a 108-94 defeat and 41-37 record.

The team said his abbreviated night was the trade-off for allowing Leonard to be able to play Saturday in New Orleans, the first time the superstar will have played on consecutive nights since recovering from his 2021 knee injury. The Clippers have struggled to win without Leonard this season, and with Paul George sidelined at least two more weeks before his sprained right knee is reevaluated, their margin for error is slimmer.

Yet if the plan was to get three halves out of Leonard between Friday and Saturday, instead of the customary two, it was not widely shared.

"I don't know if anybody knew," point guard Russell Westbrook said. "But that was something that Kawhi and the medical staff figured out. But no, I didn't know personally."

With starting guard Eric Gordon also lost to a sore

[See **Clippers,** B9]

Brandon Dill Associated Press

DAVID RODDY of the Grizzlies soars for an emphatic dunk against the Clippers' Ivica Zubac.

David Sherman NBAE/Getty Images

DESPITE ROLLING an ankle, Anthony Davis finished with 38 points and 17 rebounds against the Timberwolves to carry the Lakers to their fifth win in six games to move up to seventh in the West.

Davis puts Lakers on his back and over the hump

He's hobbled again but flips script, gets them above .500

LAKERS 123
MINNESOTA 111

By Dan Woike

MINNEAPOLIS — Anthony Davis swore he wasn't thinking about it. Everyone else who remembered couldn't avoid it.

Friday night, Davis wretched in pain inside the paint in front of his team's bench, everything feeling as if it were about to fall apart again in Minnesota. He grabbed at an ankle, rolling in pain as play continued around him.

It was so close to all being over.

A season ago on the other end of the floor, Davis crumbled after a freak knee injury, a moment that helped undercut the Lakers' ambitions and keep them on the outside of the postseason.

As players and coaches gathered around, only one thought mattered.

"Oh no. Not again."

But, this isn't last season and this isn't that team.

Davis stayed in the game; the Timberwolves did not.

Later Friday while a blizzard pounded the Minneapolis night, Lakers players laughed and celebrated a 123-111 win to put them in seventh place in the Western Conference standings and one game over .500 for the first time this season.

"We've made some huge

[See **Lakers,** B9]

Tony Gutierrez Associated Press

A VIEW FROM THE TOP

Caitlin Clark gets a lift from Monika Czinano after Clark's 41-point night helped Iowa beat previously unbeaten South Carolina 77-73 in Final Four. **B8**

Rendon crosses line in dust-up with fan

Angels third baseman proving to be a selfish millionaire who is not helping in any area.

DYLAN HERNÁNDEZ

OAKLAND — When Anthony Rendon came into view, he was already clutching the fan's shirt.

The widely circulated 12-second video didn't show what led up to Rendon's confrontation with the Athletics fan Thursday night after the Angels' 2-1 season-opening loss at the Oakland Coliseum.

In this case, the lack of context doesn't matter.

Rendon is an idiot.

Short of him preventing someone from being assaulted, nothing would excuse what he was recorded doing.

Rendon was shown reaching up to the seats perched above the walkway that connects the visitor's dugout to the clubhouse, his balled-up left hand holding a fan by the front of his shirt.

"What did you say?" Rendon said. "Yeah, you called me a b—, huh?"

"It wasn't me," the fan said.

"Yeah, you did," Rendon replied.

At some point, Rendon released the fan, and swung an open palm at his head,

[See **Hernández,** B10]

May's big night goes to waste

Right-hander pitches seven shutout innings, but the Dodgers' offense sputters.

ARIZONA 2
DODGERS 1

By Jack Harris

Dustin May did everything he could Friday night.

But after a nearly flawless season opener from the Dodgers the night before, not even May's seven scoreless innings were enough to prevent a 2-1 loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

There were wasted opportunities at the plate, with the Dodgers stranding 12 runners on base and going hitless in seven at-bats with men in scoring position.

There was a late blown lead from the bullpen, with Alex Vesia surrendering a go-ahead, two-run home run to Kyle Lewis in the top of the eighth moments after Mookie Betts had belted a solo blast to break a scoreless tie.

Even the pregame festivities turned into an awkward affair, with a crowd of 45,387 at Dodger Stadium loudly booing the showboating antics of first-pitch honorees Logan Paul and KSI — YouTube stars who also founded an energy drink company the Dodgers partnered with this offseason.

[See **Dodgers,** B10]

UCLA's Lee thrives in her role as tone-setter

HELENE ELLIOTT

UCLA sophomore Emily Lee is the gymnastics version of a baseball leadoff batter.

When she's the Bruins' first competitor in any of the four events, her job is to set the tone. To be calm, so her teammates will feel confident. To inspire them, so they'll follow her example and maybe surpass it.

Not everyone has the steady nerves needed to handle that role, but Lee regularly knocked it out of the park for the No. 4-ranked Bruins this season by earning eight scores of 9.9 or higher in the leadoff spot. She earned six of those scores on the perilous balance beam, a make-or-break event.

"When you're on the front end, you need a good routine. You need to not make the rest of the lineup nervous. Someone who's really solid. I can do that," the Los Gatos native said. "But the pressure on the back end, if someone messes up in the beginning, you have that pressure of, 'Oh my God, I can't mess up.'

"I never have that pressure. It's kind of nice. You get it over with sooner and then you get to cheer on the rest of your teammates. Wherever my team needs me to go, I'll go."

But leading off also requires a sacrifice Lee willingly makes.

Judges in subjective sports like gymnastics and figure skating tend to hold back on awarding high scores to the first few competitors, leaving themselves room to give top scores to those who compete later. It's not fair, but it's an acknowledged part of gymnastics life.

Lee has been able to shrug that off in the name of launching her team to solid starts, as she did in scoring

[See **Elliott,** B8]

Jason Armond Los Angeles Times

EMILY LEE suffered a ruptured Achilles tendon at the U.S. Olympic trials in 2021, but her recovery put her in position to serve a vital part in UCLA's rotations.

If Dodgers' pitch for Urías misses, it will hurt on and off field

BILL SHAIKIN /// ON BASEBALL

GINA FERAZZI Los Angeles Times

DODGERS LEFT-HANDER Julio Urías, who led the National League in ERA last year at 2.61, pitched six innings, giving up two runs and striking out six in his first opening-day start.

Sandy Koufax and Clayton Kershaw were in the house. Fernando Valenzuela and Orel Hershiser were on the mound, throwing ceremonial first pitches.

That royal quartet accounted for 20 opening-day starts for the franchise with the proudest pitching tradition in all the major leagues.

Then Thursday's game started, and Julio Urías made his first opening-day start. One and done?

Urías is the heir to the Valenzuela legacy, the torchbearer for a fan base that is half Latino, in a city that is half Latino.

"The closest thing to Fernando is Julio Urías," said Jaime Jarrín, the Dodgers' recently retired Hall of Fame broadcaster. "No question about it."

Urías is eligible for free agency after the season, just like Shohei Ohtani. And, though Ohtani could leave the Angels and politely say he preferred to play for a perennial contender, the Dodgers are a perennial contender.

What if Urías left the Dodgers?

"The reaction of the community would be negative, really, because they love him," Jarrín said. "It would be bad if he leaves the Dodgers."

Bad for whom?

"For the team," Jarrín said. "For the community. For him, no, because even though I am sure he loves the Dodgers, business is business.

"And, you know, Scott Boras is his agent."

Boras, who was at Dodger Stadium on Thursday, generally prefers his clients let the market determine their value. He will no doubt conjure up some colorful metaphors to sell Urías, but the numbers speak for themselves.

Urías led the National League in earned-run average last year. He won 20 games the year before. He will hit free agency at 27.

"This guy has an amazing career ahead of him," Boras said. "He's already had a very good career."

When the San Diego Padres extended Manny Machado's contract, Urías became the shiniest prize in free agency not named Ohtani.

Aaron Nola is eligible for free agency, but he is three years older and he opens this season having thrown twice as many innings as Urías.

The rest of the free-agent pitching class includes Lucas Giolito, Sonny Gray and Blake Snell. It's a fair jump from there to Urías.

If the Dodgers do not sign Ohtani for $500 million, or more — or even if they do — do they sign Urías for $200 million, or more?

"In the free-agent world, the Dodgers have not been as aggressive as other teams with the players I have represented," Boras said, citing Gerrit Cole, Anthony Rendon and Stephen Strasburg as examples.

And, of course, the Dodgers did not make the high bid to retain Corey Seager or Max Scherzer.

"They seemed to have ready replacements at shortstop and with their pitching staff when they made those decisions," Boras said. "When a team looks at this and says they've got qualified replacements, it's not unusual for a team not to be that assertive in the free-agent market."

The Dodgers win. They trust their player development. They do not get caught up in sentiment.

There is no such thing as a "must-sign" player here. There is a "would-love-to-sign" category, and that is where Dodgers president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman puts Urías.

"Julio has been a big part of our past success, and we look forward to him being a big part of what we accomplish this year as well," Friedman said Thursday. "Obviously, we are all focused on 2023 right now, but our hope is that Julio is wearing Dodger blue for many years to come."

The mariachi music before the game set a tone. With each starting pitcher, Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said, there is a tone.

"When Clayton pitches, there's an anticipation, there's a little bit of 'on eggshells,' there's an intensity," Roberts said. "When Julio is pitching, there is that extra ramp-up of excitement, joy, fire."

There was joy in the ballpark Thursday. During his first opening-day start, Urías gave up two runs in six innings, earning the win in the Dodgers' 8-2 rout of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"It's an unforgettable experience," Urías said after the game, "something like that with a team like this, the history that the team has, and all the people that have done this before. It was just something that was really special to me, and obviously being able to send the fans home with the victory is a blessing."

The signature memory of Urías' career is throwing the final strike of the Dodgers' World Series championship in 2020, the team's first title in 32 years.

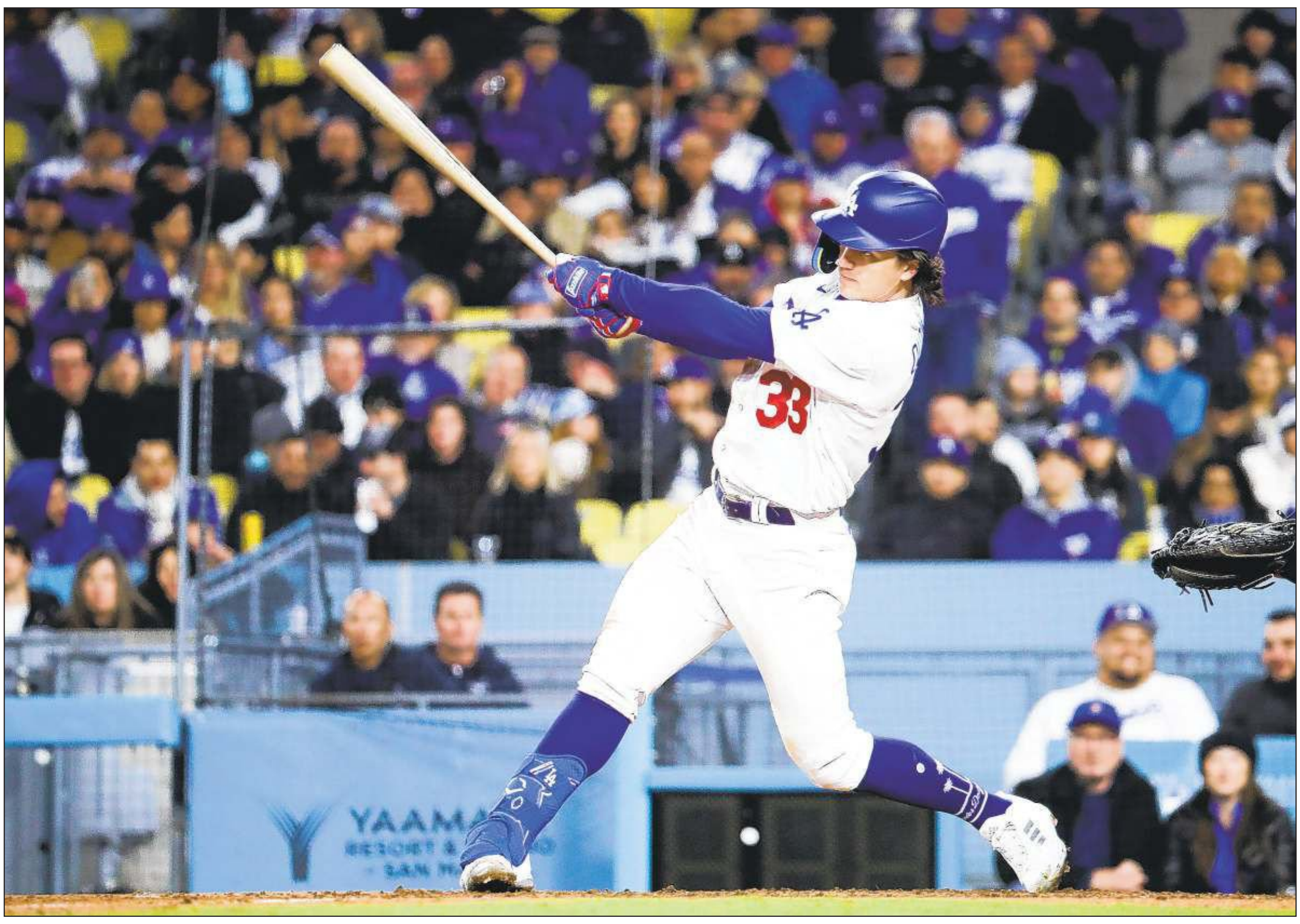
Yet he is so young that he could play long enough somewhere else that he could be best remembered as a star for another team.

The Dodgers have a Mexican star to call their own, and Latino fans have a star they can embrace as their own, at least for one more season. Nothing in life is guaranteed, including Urías starting another opener for the Dodgers.

Outman's climb to majors left no stone unturned

His good-luck rock in tow, Dodgers rookie outfielder dazzled on opening night.

By Mike DiGiovanna



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JAMES OUTMAN'S two-run homer in the sixth put the finishing touches on the Dodgers' opening-night, 8-2 victory over Arizona.

The pet rock that James Outman inherited from pitcher Marshall Kasowski at triple-A Oklahoma City last season and traveled with him to Phoenix this spring followed the Dodgers rookie outfielder to Chavez Ravine this week, though it hasn't taken up permanent residence in Outman's locker.

"It was passed down to me with the idea that it would bring good fortune," Outman said of the gray fist-sized stone with a toothy smile drawn in black Magic Marker as a face. "We had him as a mascot for the pitchers, and they started giving up too many hits.

"We figured it would be good for the hitters, so they gave it to me. But I think the expectation was that at some point, I'd pass down 'Rocko' to the next person."

The next person is going to have to wait. Outman is not about to drop the rock, not after crushing a two-run homer in the sixth inning of his first start in Dodger Stadium, an opposite-field shot to left center that sealed an 8-2 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks before a sellout crowd of 52,075 on Thursday night.

The left-handed-hitting Outman also walked and scored on Will Smith's score-tying two-run single in the third inning and singled to right field, alertly took second on a bobble by Jake McCarthy and scored on Smith's sacrifice fly in the eighth.

"I don't think any moment is going to be too big for him," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said of Outman, who won a platoon role by hitting .283 (15 for 53) with a team-leading eight extra-base hits, three of them homers, and 11 RBIs in 23 spring games.

"It's sort of his heartbeat, the head. He's just got a good, calm demeanor. There's a quiet confidence there. So him hitting a homer tonight wasn't surprising."

Outman, 25, showed little emotion when Roberts informed him after Tuesday night's Freeway Series exhibition finale against the Angels that he would be starting in center field on Thursday night.

"I think he sort of straight-faced me," Roberts said. "He kind of gave me a nod while chewing his bubble gum. And that was it. It was good. I liked that. ... He does a good job of getting the emotions through that gum he is always chewing."

Two nights later, as he prepared for his first opening-day start, Outman's stomach was churning.

"Yeah, definitely at the beginning," Outman said, when asked if he was nervous. "I couldn't stay still when they were doing all the [pregame introductions]. But, you know, once the game started going, I kind of settled them a little bit."

His first plate appearance helped. Outman fell behind Arizona ace Zac Gallen with a two-strike count, but took the next four pitches for balls, laying off an 86-mph changeup just below the zone for a walk.

Outman took third on Miguel Rojas' ground-rule double to right field and scored when Smith poked a two-out, two-run single to right field to make it 2-2.

"I think it definitely relaxed me, for sure," Outman said of the walk. "You know, just getting on base, running and scoring. And in that situation, we tied the game up, so at that point, it just felt like we were in a ballgame."

Outman struck out on Gallen's 88-mph cut-fastball in the fourth, and the Dodgers scored three runs on RBI singles by Smith, J.D. Martinez and David Peralta in the fifth to take a 5-2 lead.

Outman followed fellow rookie Miguel Vargas' leadoff walk in the sixth by lining a 94-mph fastball from reliever Cole Sulser 390 feet over the wall in left-center for his second homer — he homered once in a four-game cameo with the Dodgers last summer — and a 7-2 lead.

He also scored an insurance run in the eighth after leading off with a single to right, taking second on an error and scoring on Smith's sacrifice fly, which gave the Dodgers catcher four RBIs in the game.

As Outman prepared for Thursday night's game, he heard a familiar refrain from veterans such as first baseman Freddie Freeman and right fielder Mookie Betts.

"Guys said you only get one first opening-day start, so really enjoy it," Outman said. "Soak it all in."

Outman appeared to do just that as he rounded the bases on his first regular-season home run in Dodger Stadium.

"It was cool," Outman said. "The fans are awesome. It was awesome. It was a dream come true."

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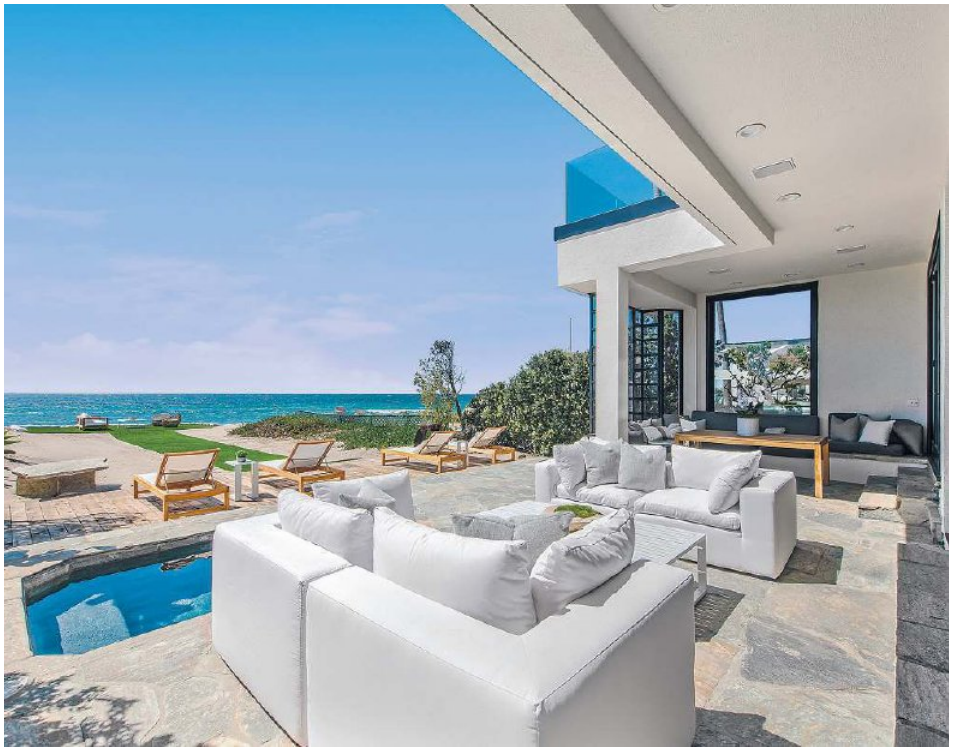

31030 BROAD BEACH RD MALIBU

Hilton & Hyland

With all-new interior finishes and spectacular whitewater and ocean views, this stunning architectural compound is luxurious, spacious, and awash with natural light. Set behind gates with beautiful landscaping and exceptional privacy, the property provides expansive indoor and outdoor spaces for year-round dining, lounging, and entertaining. This tranquil ocean-view retreat has vaulted wood ceilings, an ocean-view deck, a luxurious spa-style ocean-view bath, and a double-sided fireplace. The home's backyard extends all the way to the sands of Broad Beach and has both covered and open decks, patios, and a variety of sitting areas, including one at the edge of the beach.

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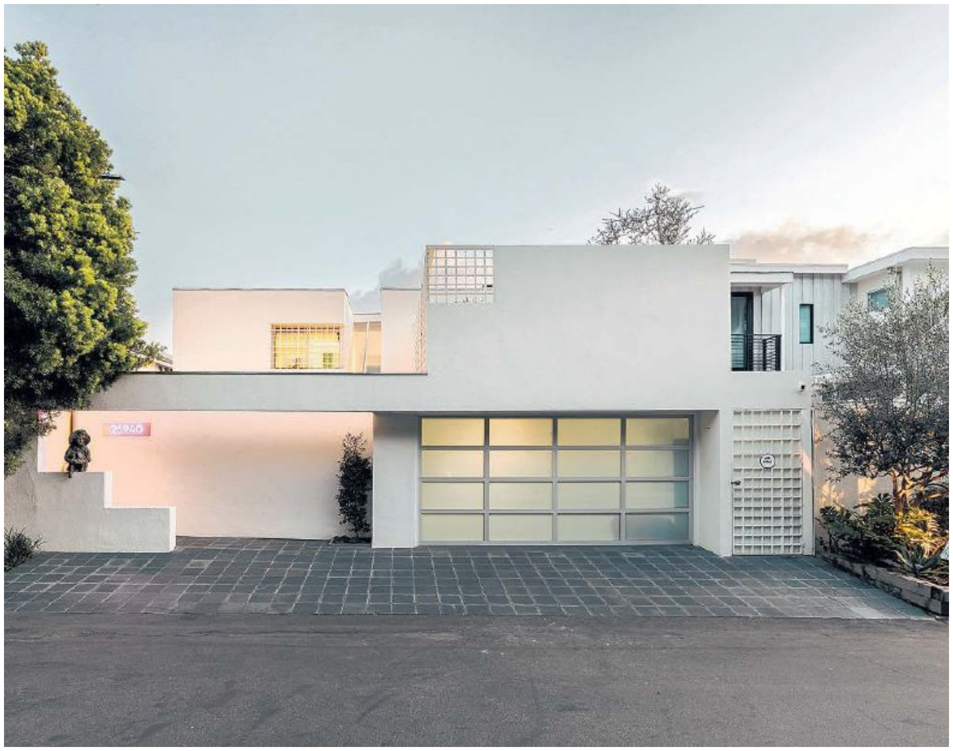
The Details

Location: 31030 Broad Beach Road, Malibu 90265
Asking price: $24,500,000

Year built: 1993
Living area: 3,152 square feet, 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms

Features: Beachfront; soaring ceilings; wood-plan flooring; dramatic foyer; ocean-view living room; expansive backyard; skylights; wood ceilings; translucent roofing; kitchenette; guest suite/studio; wine cellar; laundry area; covered decks; open patios; Jacuzzi; two-car garage



26940 MALIBU COVE COLONY DRIVE

Carolwood Estates

Breathtaking ocean views dazzle the imagination at this Ron Goldman architectural jewel. Used as the set for an iconic movie, this home is the epitome of the California dream. The 24-hour guard-gated Malibu Cove Colony is designed for and delivers both expansiveness and privacy. Seclusion and openness are celebrated by playing with geometry to create and dissolve walls, allowing for a sculptural blending of the indoors and outdoors. Meandering walkways lead to and open up spaces, eliminating the confines of space.

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The Details

Location: 26940 Malibu Cove Colony, Malibu, 90265
Asking price: $21,000,000

Year built: 1982
Living area: 3,502 square feet, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms

Features: The two-story entry, roof of skylights and intricate stairway with foyer lead to walls of glass overlooking the ocean and beckon you to step out onto the sand. Luxurious primary suite features a private terrace overlooking the ocean.

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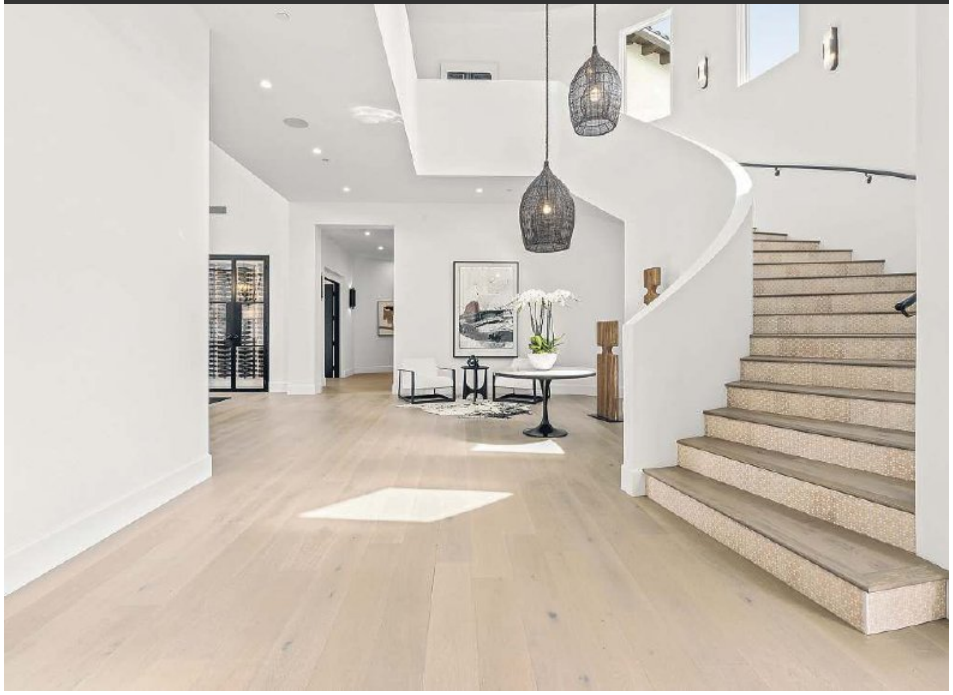

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The Details

Location: 23401 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas 91302
Asking price: $10,999,999

Year built: 2022
Living area: 11,342 square feet, 8 bedrooms, 11 bathrooms

Features: 22-car motor court; 5 car garages; detached guest house; privately gated; panoramic views

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The Details

Location: 1556 Miramar Beach, Montecito 93108
Asking price: $9,995,000

Year built: 1920
Living area: 1,710 square feet, 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms

Features: Montecito's most coveted, private, gated, beachfront lane; steps to sand from lower level; world-class location; recently renovated; high-end, high-tech finishes; retractable skylight; bi-fold doors & balconies; outdoor shower; board storage; whole-house security system

28034 SEA LANE DRIVE
$55,000,000 | 3 Bed | 4 Bath

28936 CLIFFSIDE DRIVE
$43,500,000 | 5 Bed | 4 Bath

23816 MALIBU ROAD
$39,995,000 | 6 Bed | 6 Bath

23826 MALIBU ROAD
$36,995,000 | 5 Bed | 6 Bath

23917 MALIBU ROAD
$35,000,000 | 5 Bed | 10 Bath

28980 CLIFFSIDE DRIVE
$32,500,000 | 6 Bed | 5 Bath

0 TRANCAS ROAD
$30,000,000 | Approx. 24.88 Acres

22040 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$29,995,000 | 5 Bed | 6 Bath

499 HALVERN DRIVE | LOS ANGELES
$26,000,000 | 8 Bed | 16 Bath

6238 BONSALL DRIVE
$25,00,000 | 8 Bed | 9 Bath

32852 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$25,000,000 | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

31030 BROAD BEACH ROAD
$24,500,000 | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

28837 SELFRIDGE DRIVE
$23,995,000 | 5 Bed | 8 Bath

7052 DUME DRIVE
$19.995,000 | 6 Bed | 8 Bath

30718 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$18,450,000 | 5 Bed | 5 Bath

31240 BROAD BEACH ROAD
$16,000,000 | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

32232 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$14,995,000 | Approx. 2.216 Acres

31630 SEA LEVEL DRIVE
$13,995,000 | 4 Bed | 6 Bath

22407 CARBON MESA ROAD
$13,500,000 | 5 Bed | 5 Bath

21424 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$11,450,000 | 3 Bed | 4 Bath

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7015 GRASSWOOD AVENUE
$10,995,000 | 5 Bed | 7 Bath

7319 BIRDVIEW AVENUE
$10,850,000 | 3 Bed | 4 Bath

32453 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$10,500,000 | 7 Bed | 11 Bath

6702 WILDLIFE ROAD
$10,000,000 | 5 Bed | 5 Bath

33332 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$8,995,000 | 3 Bed | 4 Bath

1396 ANDERSON LANE | SANTA BARBARA
$8,700,000 | Approx. 17.36 Acres

6672 ZUMIREZ DRIVE
$6,995,000 | Approx. 1.18 Acres | Rendering

440 ENCINAL CANYON ROAD
$6,450,000 | Approx. 30.172 Acres | Rendering

18233 COASTLINE DRIVE
$5,850,000 | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

6135 CAVALLERI ROAD
$5,750,000 | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

24800 PIUMA ROAD
$4,995,000 | Approx. 72.83 Acres | Rendering

21 PARADISE COVE ROAD
$1,100,000 | 1 Bed | 2 Bath

SOUTH FOOSE ROAD
$950,000 | Approx. 5.05 Acres

33740 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$275,000/month | 6 Bed | 8 Bath

23402 MALIBU COLONY ROAD
$250,000/month | 6 Bed | 7 Bath

22368 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$250,000/month | 9 Bed | 14 Bath

28936 CLIFFSIDE DRIVE
$200,000/month | 5 Bed | 4 Bath

499 HALVERN DRIVE | LOS ANGELES
$155,000/month | 8 Bed | 16 Bath

25236 MALIBU ROAD
$125,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

30962 BROAD BEACH ROAD
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7 Bed | 7 Bath

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7052 DUME DRIVE
$100,000/month | 6 Bed | 8 Bath

21848 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$100,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

32852 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$100,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

31504 VICTORIA POINT
$90,000/month | 4 Bed | 6 Bath

28926 CLIFFSIDE DRIVE
$85,000/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

27348 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$85,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

32554 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$85,000/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

23614 MALIBU COLONY ROAD
$75,000/month | 5 Bed | 5 Bath

30718 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$75,000/month | 5 Bed | 5 Bath

5868 ZUMIREZ DRIVE
$74,000/month | 5 Bed | 8 Bath

26901 SEA VISTA DRIVE
$68,000/month | 6 Bed | 9 Bath

29122 CLIFFSIDE DRIVE
$65,000/month | 2 Bed | 3 Bath

23018 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$65,000/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

28899 CLIFFSIDE DRIVE
$60,000/month | 6 Bed | 5 Bath

24314 MALIBU ROAD
$60,000/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

32453 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$60,000/month | 7 Bed | 11 Bath

27445 WINDING WAY
$60,000/month | 6 Bed | 8 Bath

31952 1/2 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$55,000/month | 4 Bed | 3 Bath

22407 CARBON MESA ROAD
$50,000/month | 5 Bed | 5 Bath

31646 SEA LEVEL DRIVE
$50,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

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27082 MALIBU COVE COLONY DRIVE
$49,900/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

24230 MALIBU ROAD
$49,900/month | 3 Bed | 4 Bath

7157 BIRDVIEW AVENUE
$40,000/month | 3 Bed | 4 Bath

31284 BROAD BEACH ROAD
$40,000/month | 6 Bed | 6 Bath

3000 DECKER CANYON ROAD
$40,000/month | 5 Bed | 6 Bath

6959 DUME DRIVE
$40,000/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

23901 MALIBU KNOLLS ROAD
$40,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

6651 ZUMIREZ DRIVE
$38,000/month | 5 Bed | 5 Bath

28873 BONIFACE DRIVE
$30,000/month | 4 Bed | 3 Bath

6750 FERNHILL DRIVE
$29,500/month | 4 Bed | 3 Bath

28943 GRAYFOX STREET
$16,995/month | 4 Bed | 3 Bath

28711 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY #22
$6,300/month | 2 Bed | 2 Bath

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$68,000,000 | 9 BD | 12 BA | 20,000 SF

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10250 W SUNSET BOULEVARD | HOLMBY HILLS

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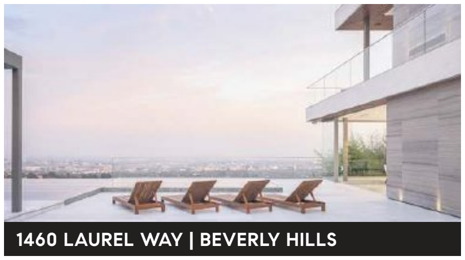


1460 LAUREL WAY | BEVERLY HILLS

$36,995,000 | 7 BD | 13 BA | 16,424 SF

638 SIENA WAY | BEL AIR

$36,950,000 | 7 BD | 11 BA | 16,849 SF

OPEN SAT 1-4PM

1035 STRADELLA ROAD | BEL AIR

$27,995,000 | 7 BD | 14 BA | 12,130 SF

917 LOMA VISTA | BEVERLY HILLS

$23,999,000 | 7 BD | 13 BA | 11,360 SF

OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4PM

1041 LAUREL WAY | BEVERLY HILLS

$22,495,000 | 5 BD | 8 BA | 9,508 SF

1317 DELRESTO DRIVE | BEVERLY HILLS

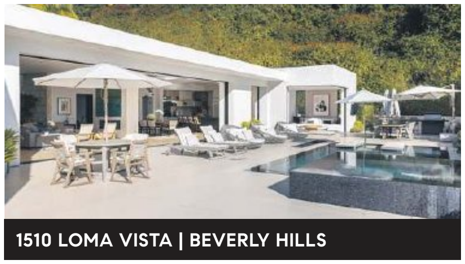
$21,900,000 | 6 BD | 9 BA | 9,680 SF

1740 BEL AIR ROAD | BEL AIR

$21,500,000 | 7 BD | 11 BA | 11,246 SF

1024 SUMMIT DRIVE | BEVERLY HILLS

$19,999,000 | 7 BD | 9 BA | 12,000 SF



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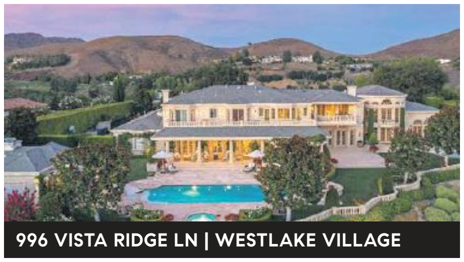

996 VISTA RIDGE LN | WESTLAKE VILLAGE

$14,999,000 | 5 BD | 7 BA | 12,988 SF
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$9,750,000 | 5 BD | 6 BA | 5,207 SF
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24930 EL DORADO MEADOWS | HIDDEN HILLS

$5,300,000 | 4 BD | 4 BA | 3,874 SF

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$4,475,000 | 3 BD | 4 BA | 2,754 SF
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DRE 01991628

FOR LEASE

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$29,999/MO | 5 BD | 7 BA | 6,000 SF

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24362 PARK GRANADA | CALABASAS

$17,999/MO | 5 BD | 5 BA | 5,217 SF

FOR LEASE OPEN SUN 1-4PM

6058 SHIRLEY AVE | TARZANA

$13,500/MO | 4 BD | 2 BA | 1,898 SF

23500 PARK SORRENTO UNIT C-34 & C-42

UNIT C-34 | **$3,500,000** | 3BD | 4.5BA | 2,260 SF
UNIT C-42 | **$2,699,000** | 3BD | 4BA | 2,260 SF

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Beverly Hills

JUST SOLD

711 N. Oakhurst Drive **$10,800,000**
Custom remodel in 2006. 1.5sty Euro Villa. Lush 20,000sqftlot.5BD5.5BA.Greatrm.Motorcourt.X-deep grounds. Lawns/patios/pl/spa/privacy. Quiet road.

Beverly Hills

JUST SOLD

608 N. Linden Drive **$8,800,000**
Charming redone 2sty 4BD Trad with a modern flair. Huge great rm. Dark wd floors, beams, glass walls. Fab kitch. Priv yrd w/pl/spa/deck/BBQ/lawns.

Beverly Hills

JUST SOLD

505 N. Roxbury Drive **$5,995,000**
1st time avail in 51 yrs! Older 1sty 4BD 3BA+ outdoor guest unit w.kitch/ba. Sunlit rms. Open plan flows to rear grounds w.mature foliage/cacti. Uber prime block moments to all.

Beverly Hills

JUST SOLD

305 El Camino Drive **$4,295,000**
Spacious dramatic 2sty Spanish. Wd flrs. Hi clngs. Huge 2sty liv rm. 5BD 4.5BA. Paneled den. Big yrd w/patios/lawns/fp. 60ft wide lot. Curb appeal.

Beverly Hills

PENDING

245 S. Oakhurst Drive **$3,495,000**
Beaut updated spacious 2sty modern Spanish. 4BD 3.5BA + den. Hi clngs. Wd flrs. Huge cook's kitch. Big yrd w/pergola. Curb appeal. Uber prime quiet road.

Beverly Hills

DO NOT DISTURB OCCUPANTS

423 S. Bedford Drive **$3,295,000**
Spacious Deco-era Spanish Duplex. Each unit 3BD 3BA. Updated kitch & baths. Hi clngs. Wd flrs. W/D in units. Prime quiet road. Curb appeal

Beverly Hills

DO NOT DISTURB OCCUPANTS

438 S. Bedford Drive **$2,995,000**
Lovely 1929 Spanish Duplex. Each unit 3BD 2BA. Wd flrs. Hi clngs. Updated kitch and baths. W/D in units. Dining rms/dens. Rear gardens/patio. Quiet rd.

Wilshire Corridor

BY APPOINTMENT

10380 Wilshire Boulevard Unit 602 **$2,675,000**
Pristine lite-filled NE crnr unit. Near 3,200 sq ft. 3BD 3.5BA Beaut drk wd flrs. Hi clngs. Glass walls. 2 balconies. City/hillside vus. Great rm. Coveted full srvc La Tour.

Beverly Hills

JUST SOLD

463 S. Beverwil Drive **$2,749,000**
Authentic Deco-era 1.5sty Spanish Hacienda. 1st time avail in 48yrs. Huge inner courtyard. 3BD 3BA. Sunlit. Wd flrs. Beams. Outdr office. Curb appeal!

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3556 Helms Avenue **$1,295,000**
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JUST SOLD

318 N. Maple Drive Unit 304 **$1,495,000**
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Century City

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Beverly Hills

JUST SOLD

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622 N. Canon Drive **$17,850/mo**
Fab redone 1-level grand warm Contemp. Huge deep 19,000 SF lot. 5BD 5.5BA + large outdoor guest rm/ba. Major great rm. Pl/spa/lawns/patios. Moments to all.

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Westwood Hills

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Beaut redone 1sty 3BD 2.5BA Tradit. Sunlit open flow. Gleaming wd flrs. Chic newer kitch/bas. Mstr w/walk-in. 2 level resort yrd w/waterfall/patios/kitch/views.

Beverlywood

NEW PRICE | BY APPOINTMENT

9600 Lockford Street **$7,750/mo**
Charming spacious 1sty Trad. 3BD 2.5BA Huge lot. Big fam rm. Updated kitch. Wd flrs. Lawns/patios/pool. Quiet cul-de-sac in northern Beverlywood HOA.

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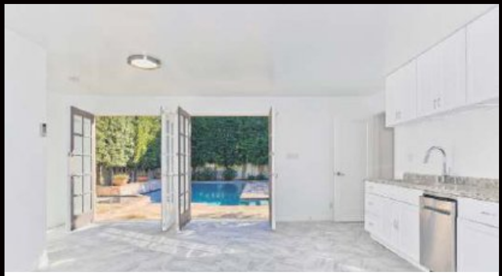

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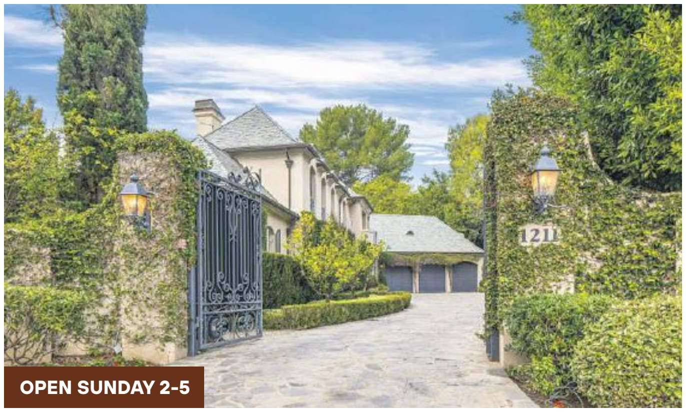

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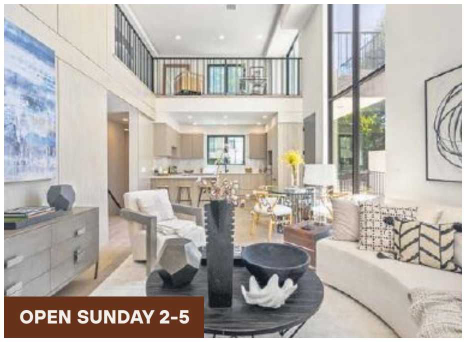

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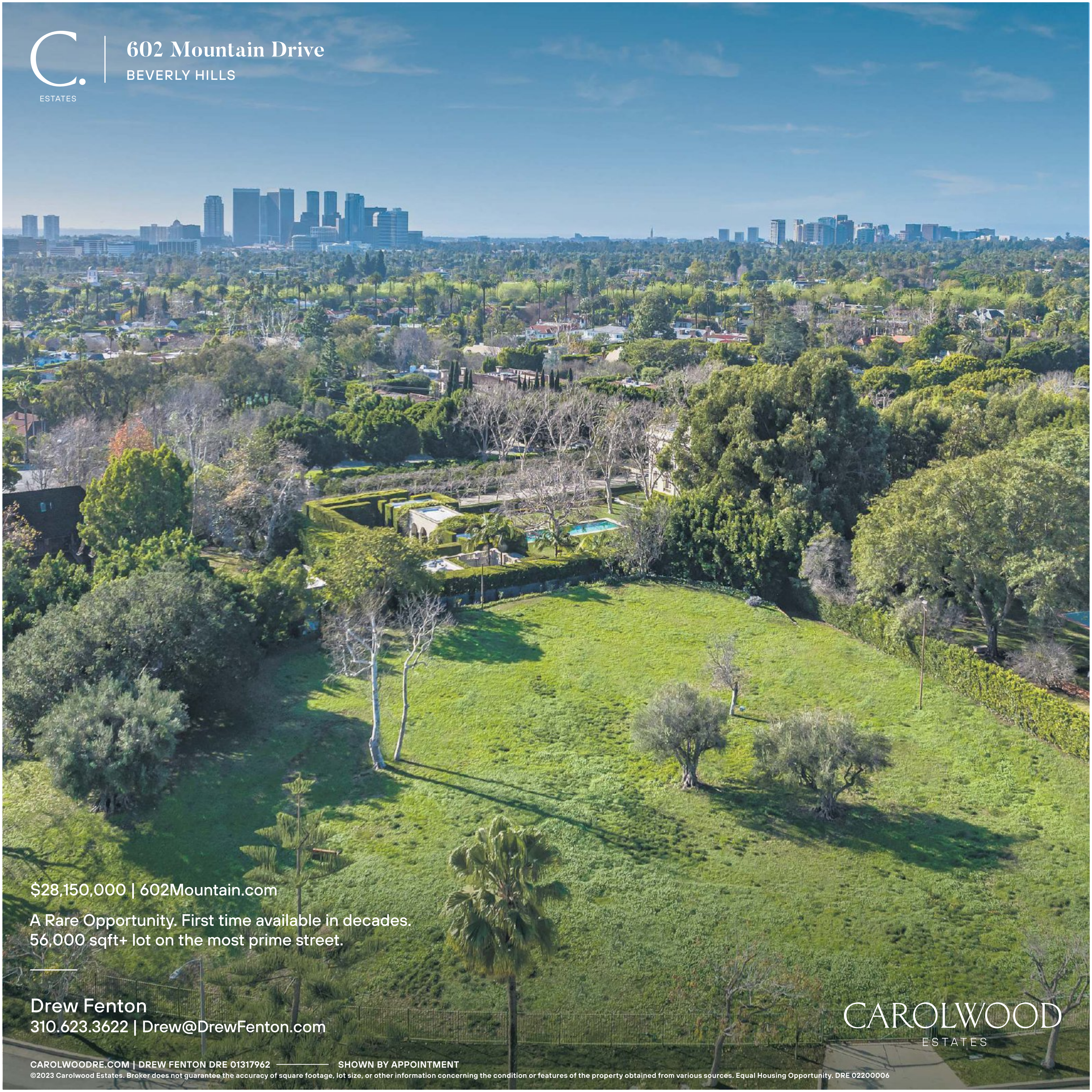

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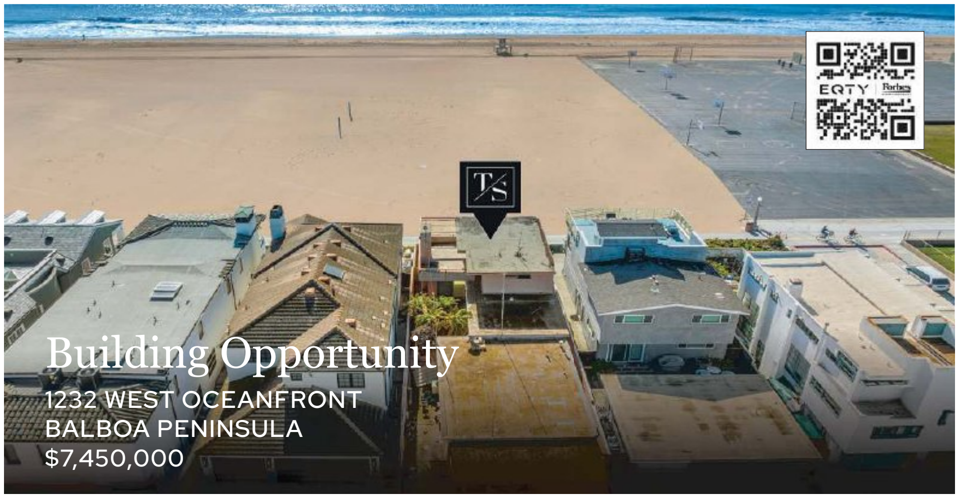

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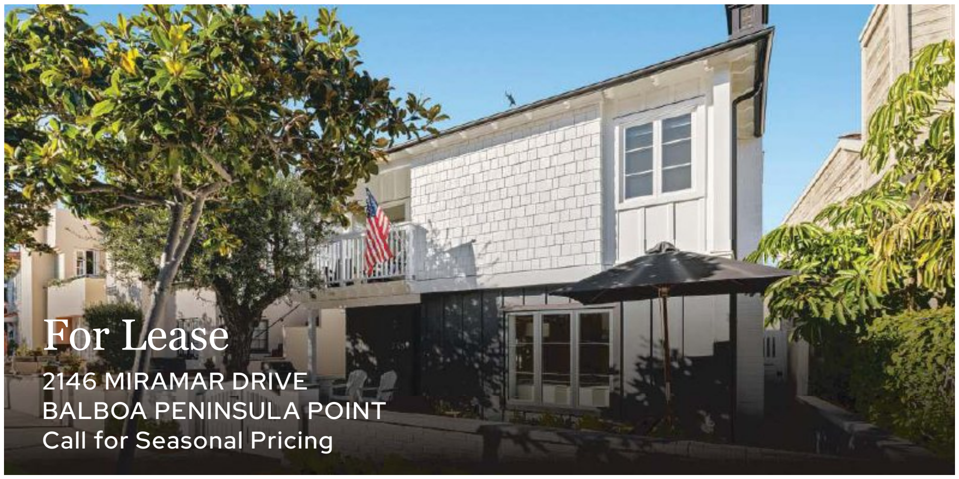

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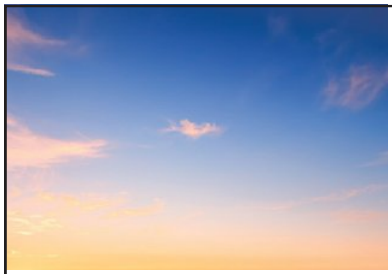

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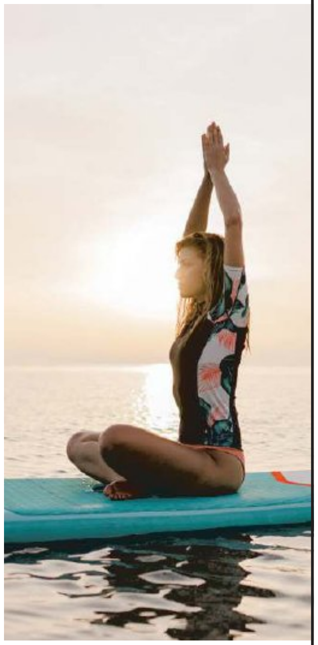

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The twin-over-twin configuration of bunk beds is a popular setup.

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WHAT TO KNOW WHEN BUYING BUNK BEDS

Materials, sizes, and height are just three considerations, plus the latest ways to customize.

A bunk bed is the ultimate multitasker. If you've ever spent afternoons climbing up and down the attached ladder as a child, you know it's more than just a place to snooze at night. This elevated sleeping spot saves you space in a small bedroom since you're essentially stacking two beds into a space meant for one. Getting a bunk bed that comes with drawers means you get extra storage space. It easily turns into a hiding place, fort or playhouse that's perfect for sleepovers with friends. And, often, it creates a place for two siblings to bond. Convinced that a bunk bed is a good investment? Read on for a few things to take into consideration when shopping for this special bed:

The Height of the Room Matters

To avoid any noggins knocking into the ceiling, leave at least two feet of space between the ceiling and the top bed. The average bunk bed is about six feet tall, and it's compatible with standard mattress sizes.

Twin Over Twin Is Just the Start

The twin-over-twin configuration may be the best-known setup but bunk beds come in many other sizes too, including twin over full, full over queen, queen over king, king over king, and loft over desk, shelves or futon. Measure your space so that you buy a bunk bed in the size that fits your needs best. If space isn't tight, you could position two beds side by side and top them off with a canopy for a modern twist.

It's Your Choice: Wood, Metal or Both

Bunk beds are made of wood (hardwoods like oak and maple are sturdier and therefore better than softwoods like pine and cedar), metal or a combination of the two. If your style is traditional, go with wood; if you favor a contemporary look, you're meant for metal.

Install Guardrails to Make the Bed Safer

The guidelines of the United States Consumer Products Safety Commission stipulate that bunk beds must have at least two upper bunk guardrails, with at least one rail on each side. Lower bunks with mattress foundations that are 30 inches or less from the floor do not have to have guardrails. Head- and footboards offer even more protection from injury.

How to Customize Bunk Beds

Want to add some fun details to your bunk beds? If natural wood coloring isn't your thing, look for bunks in colored wood, like teal or orange. Either buy from a retailer or take this on as a DIY paint project. A fun way to get out of the top bed is via slide, which attaches to the bed frame. Add a tent or curtains and the bunk bed suddenly transforms into a fort or secret hideaway.

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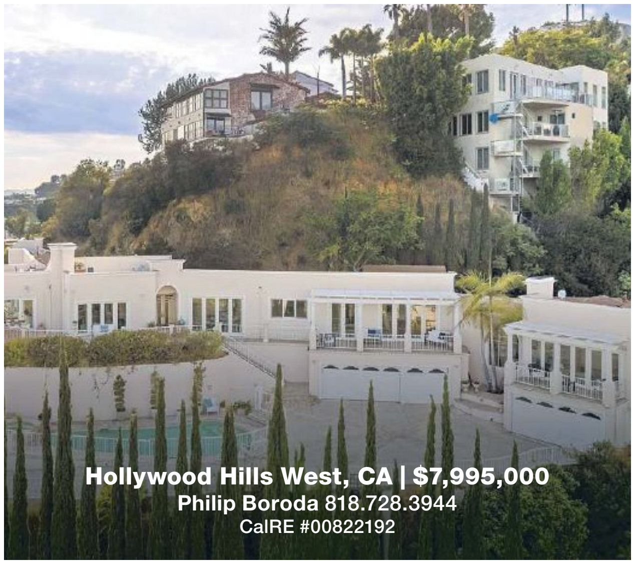

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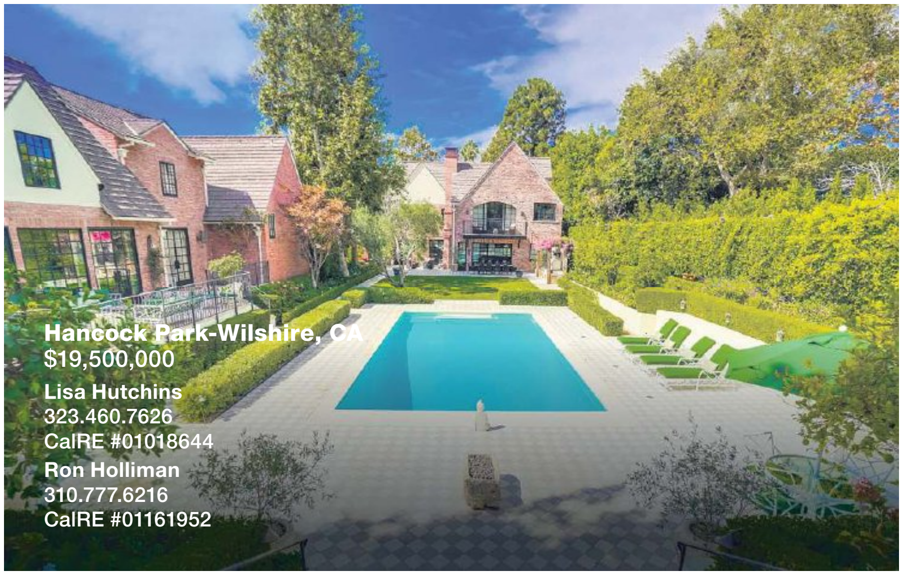

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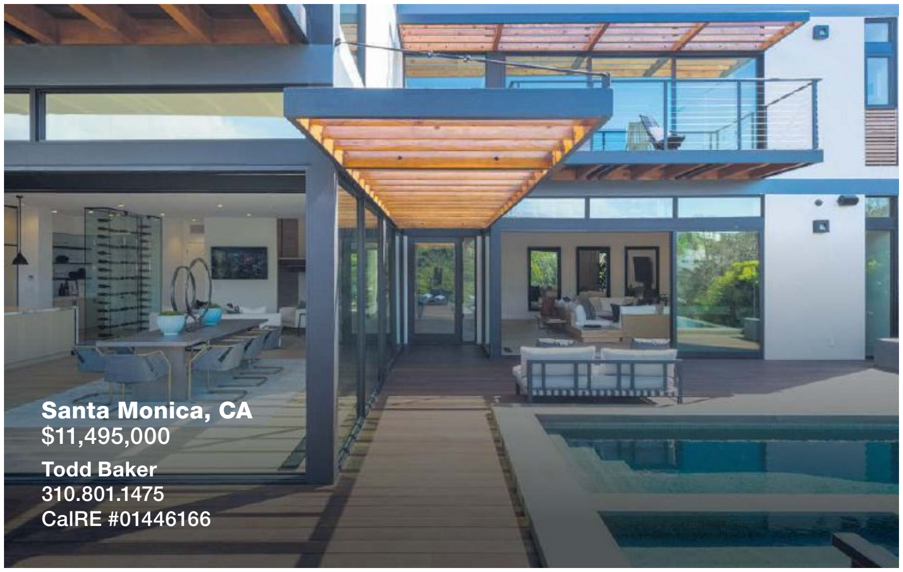

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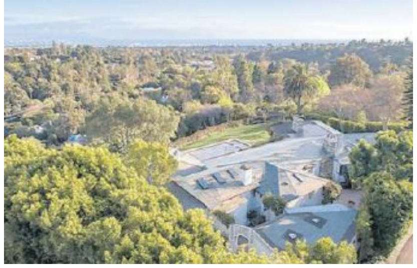

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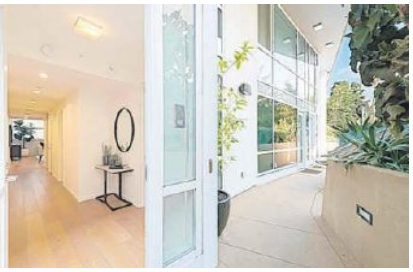

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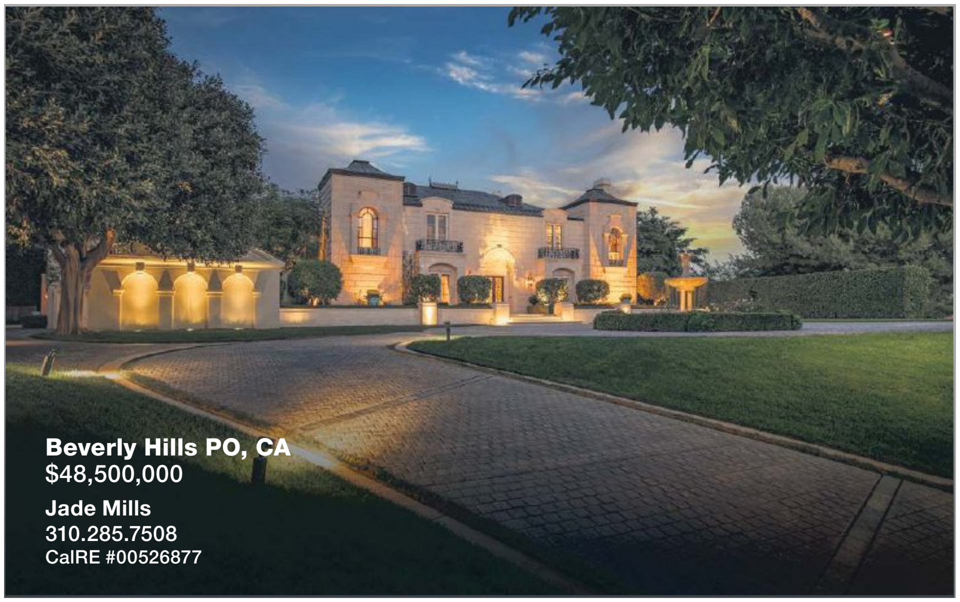

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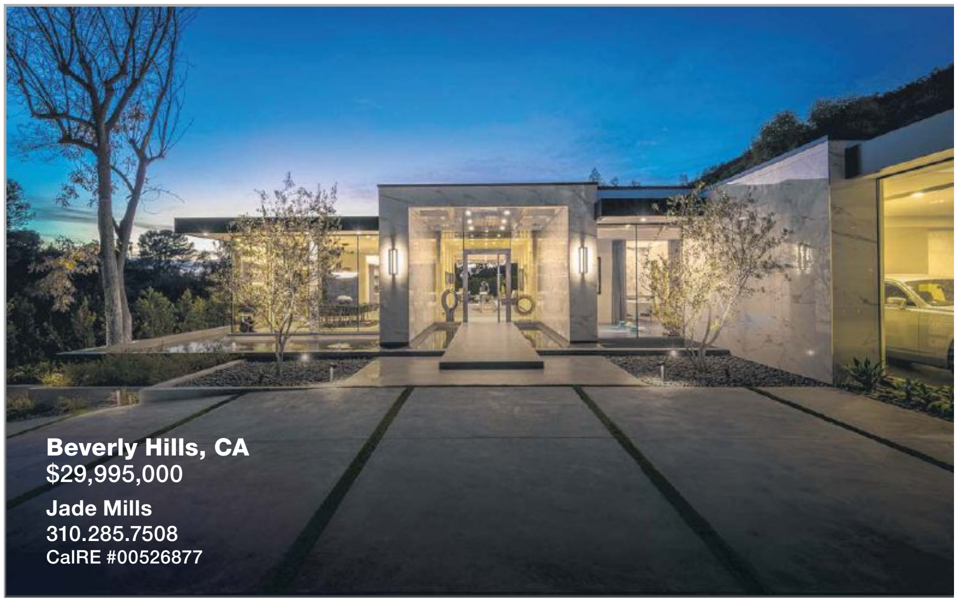

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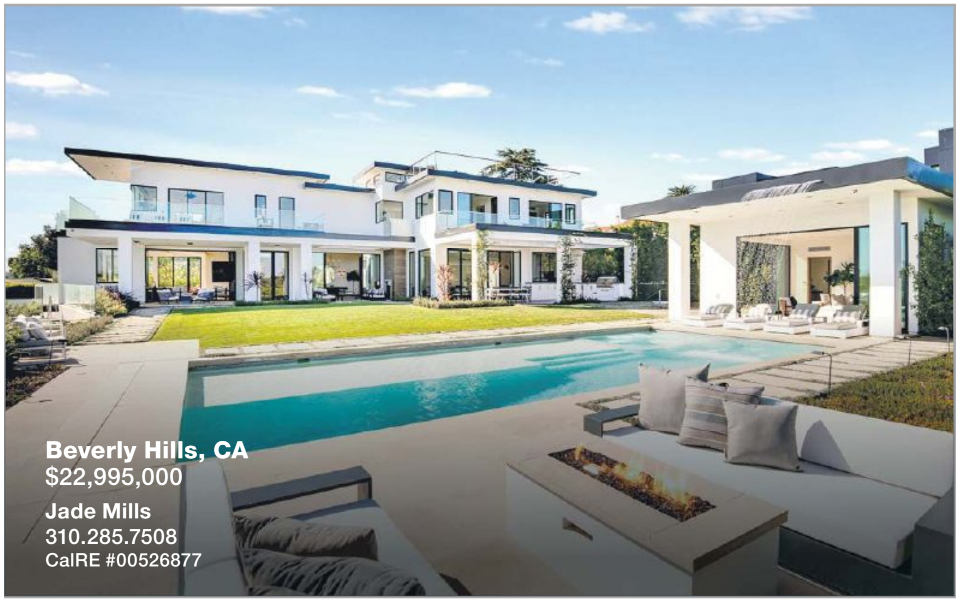

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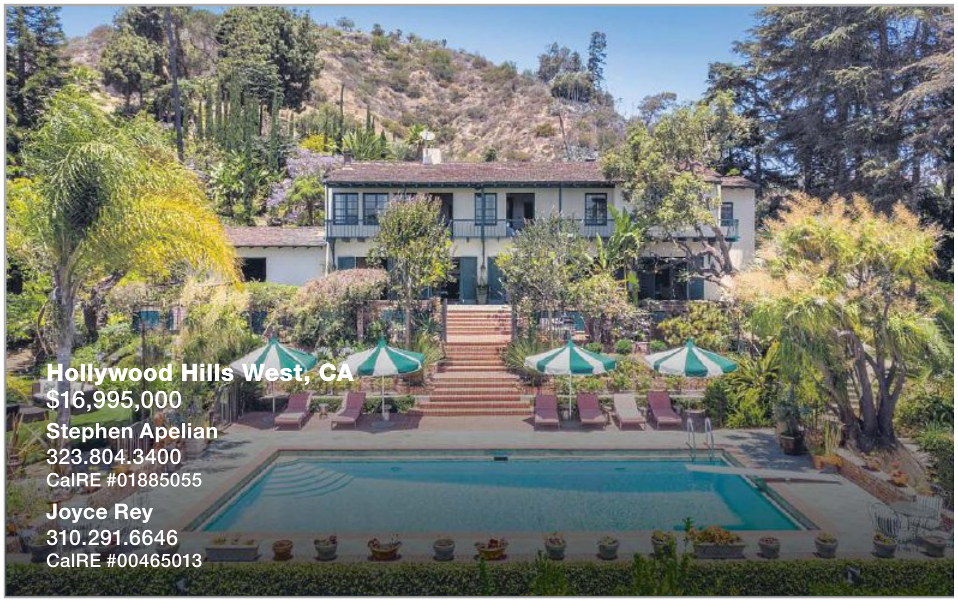

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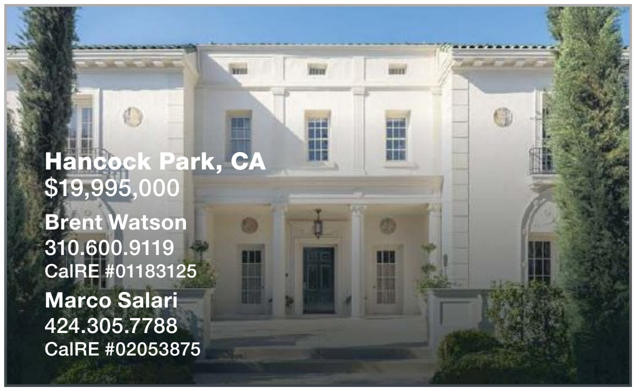

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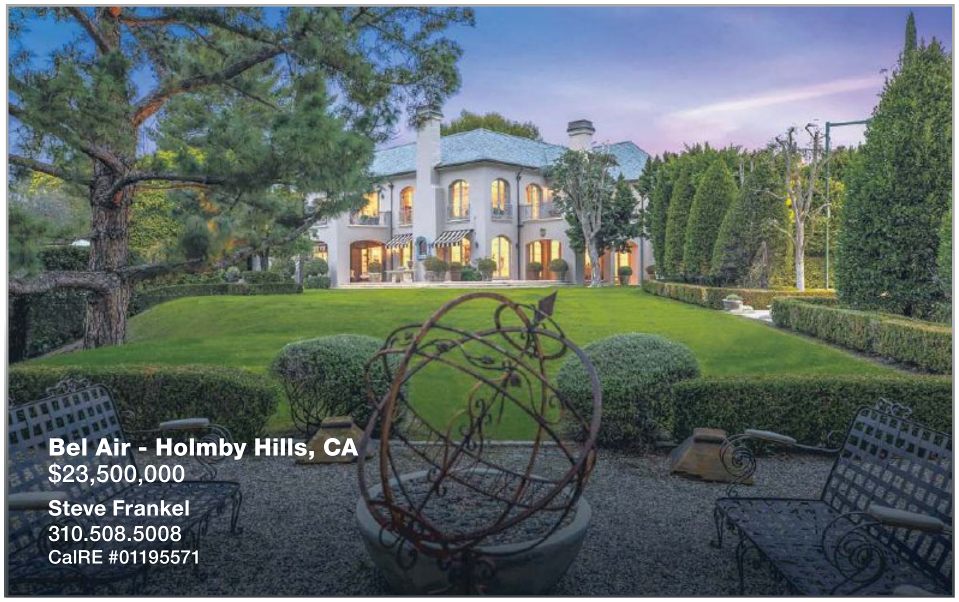

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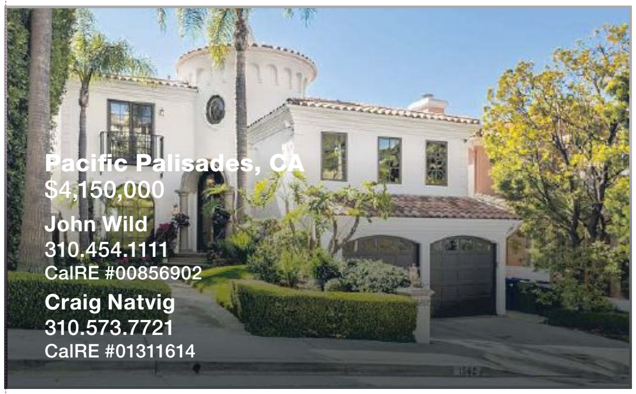

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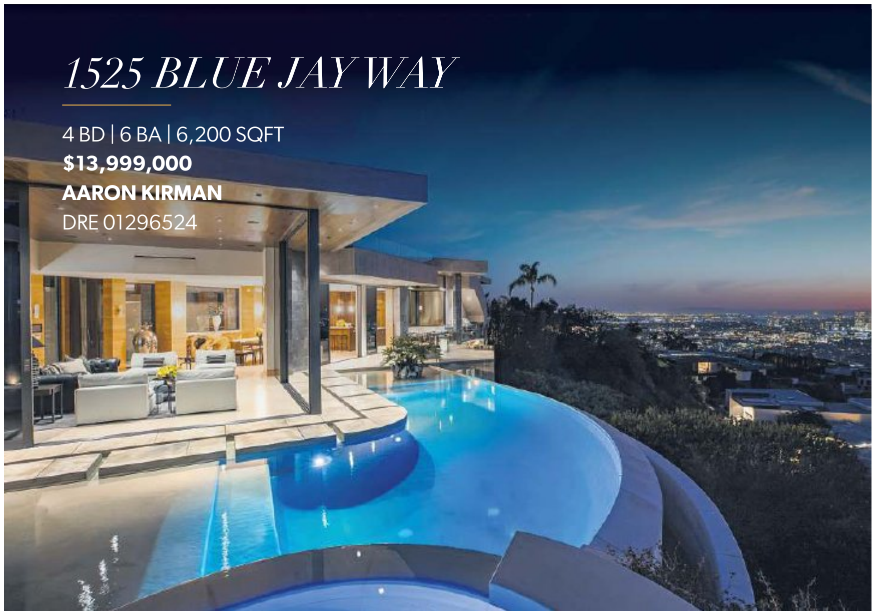

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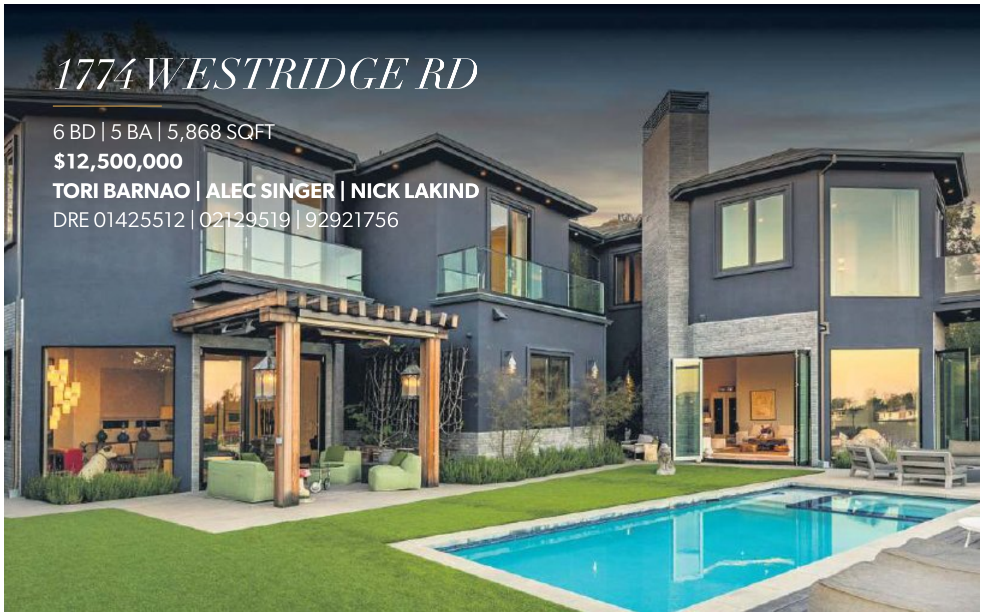

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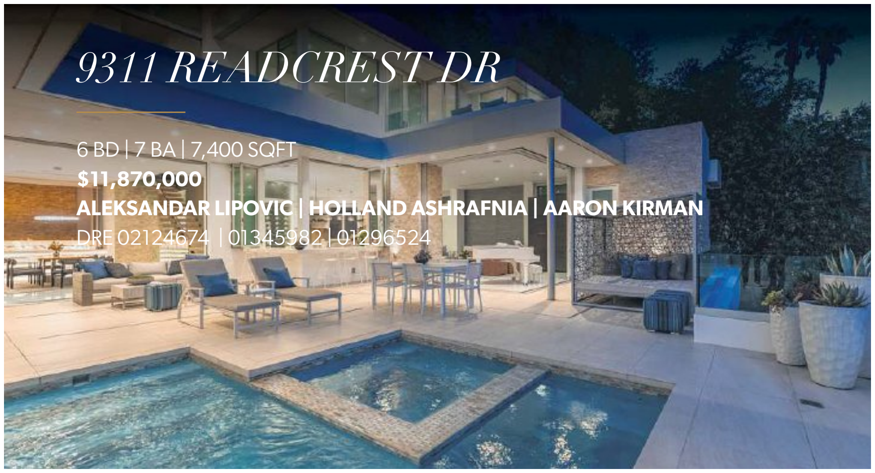

9311 READCREST DR

6 BD | 7 BA | 7,400 SQFT

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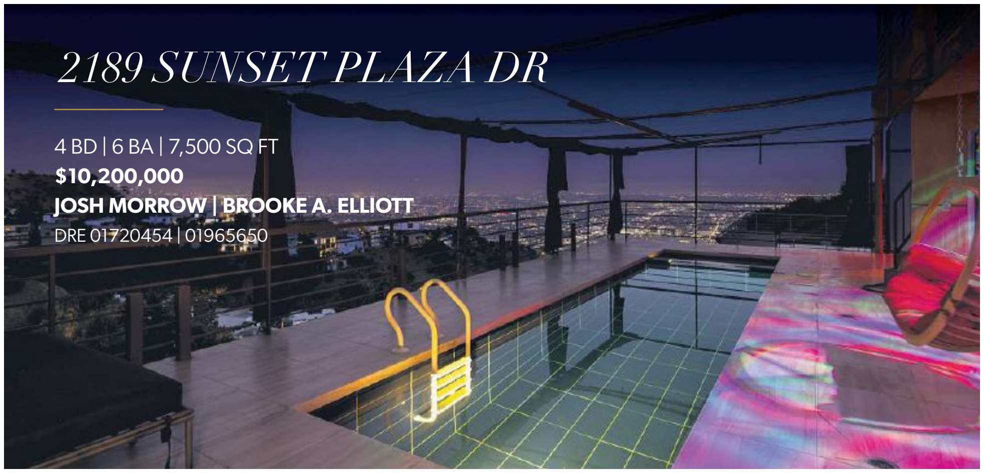

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$10,200,000

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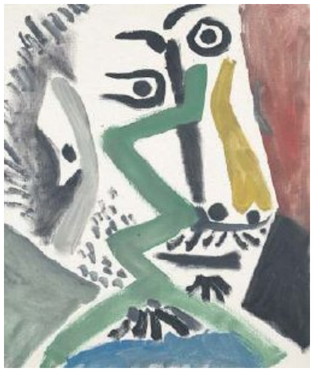

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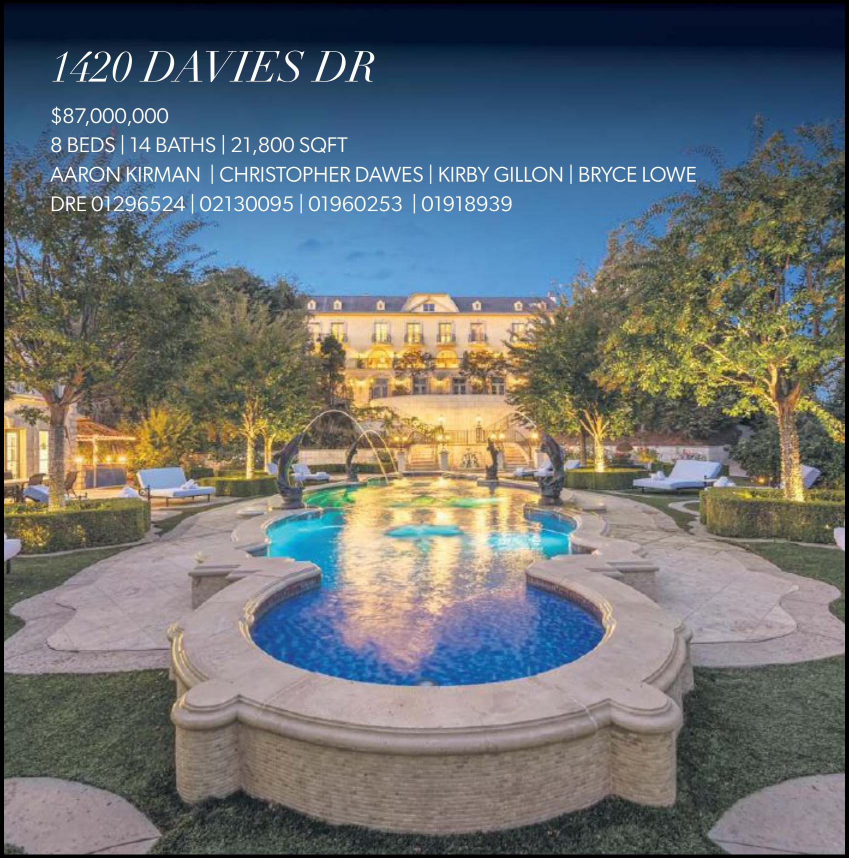

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$87,000,000
8 BEDS | 14 BATHS | 21,800 SQFT
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$2,195,000
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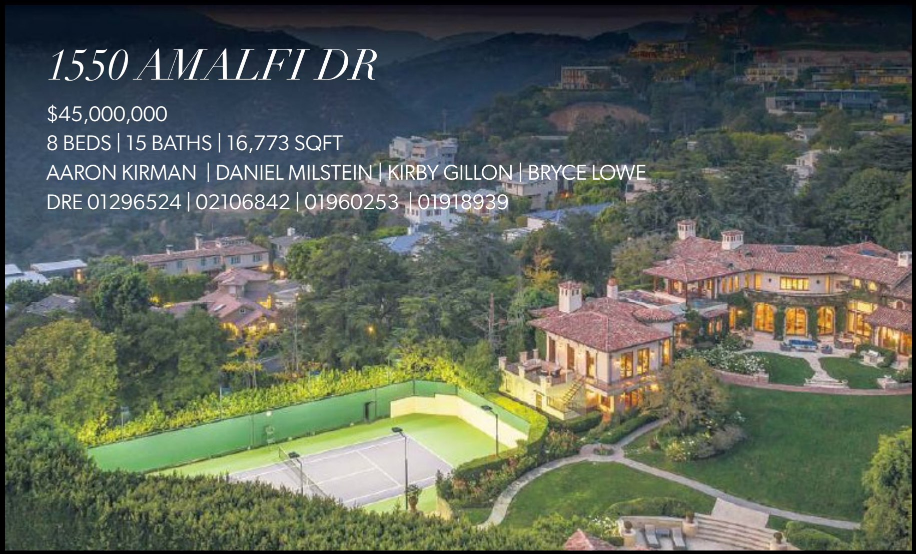

1550 AMALFI DR

$45,000,000
8 BEDS | 15 BATHS | 16,773 SQFT
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2235 HERCULES DR

$7,945,000
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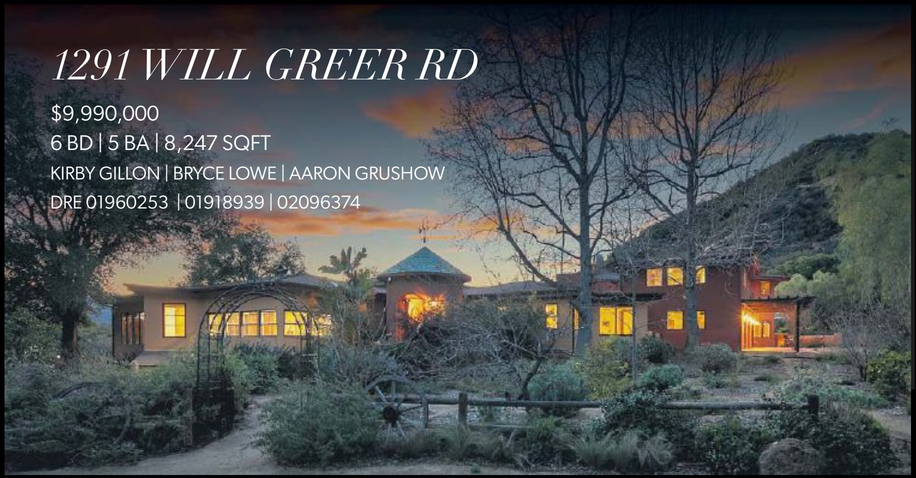

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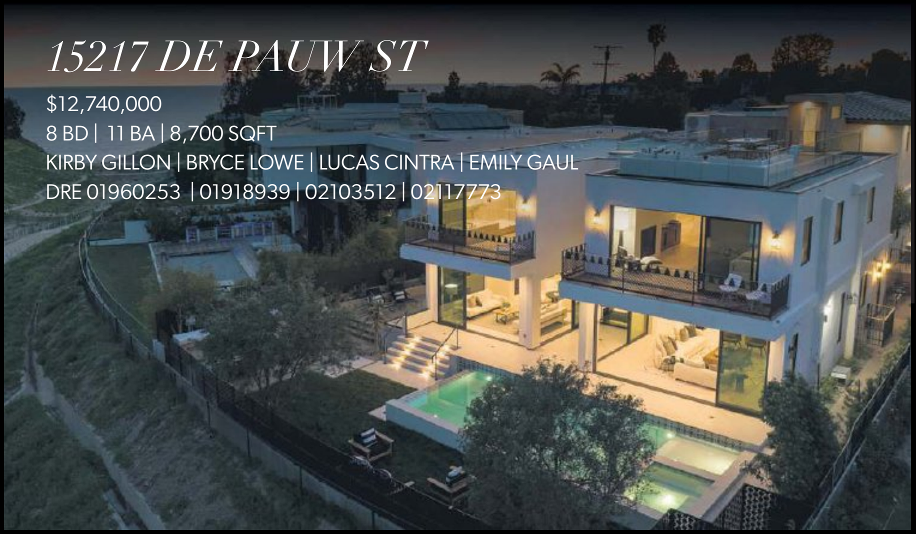

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$12,740,000
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$2,695,000
5 BD | 6 BA | 4,657 SQFT
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5255 ROUND MEADOW RD

$6,750,000
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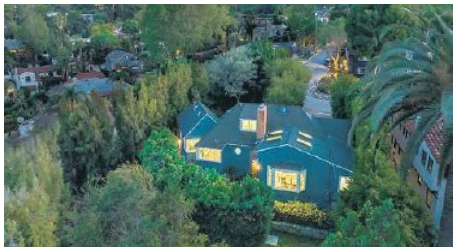

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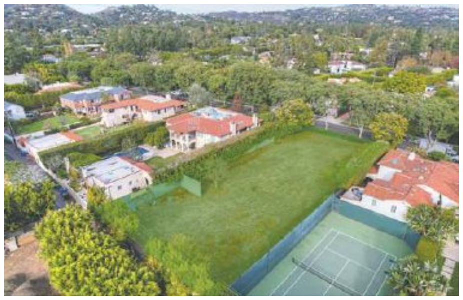

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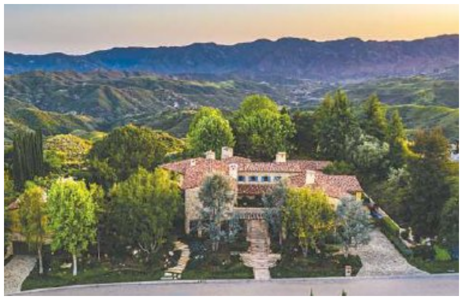

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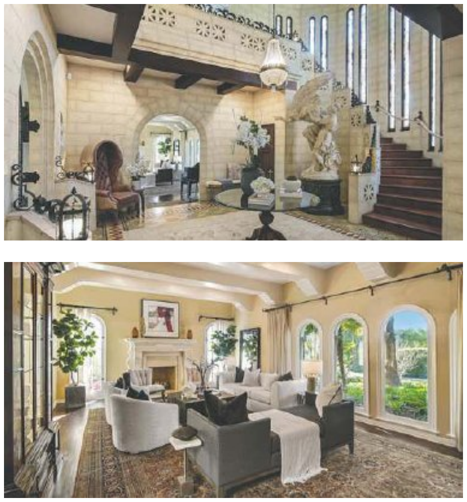

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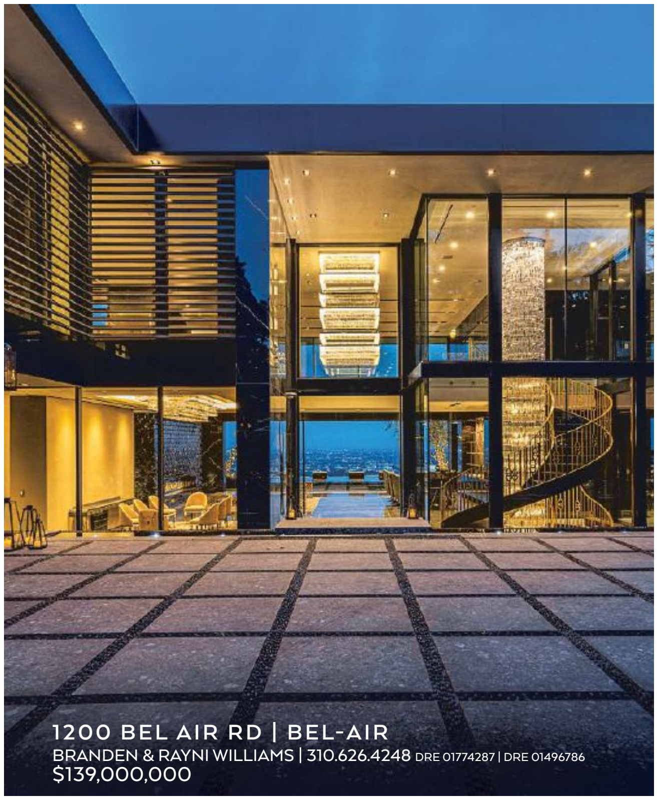

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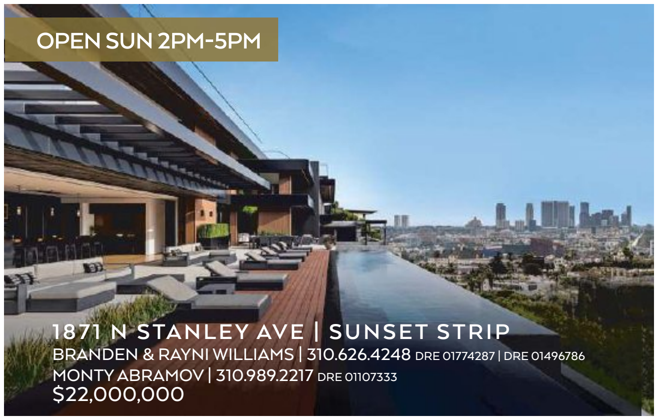

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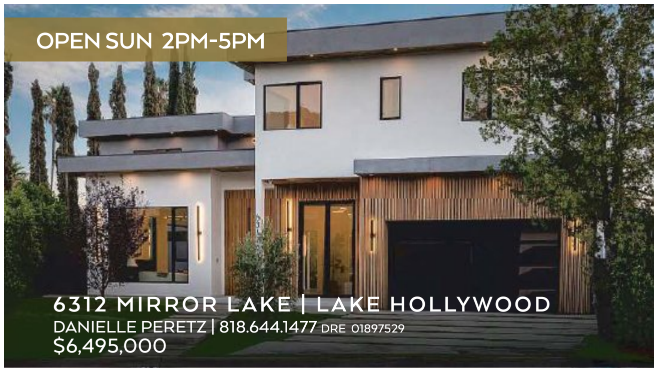

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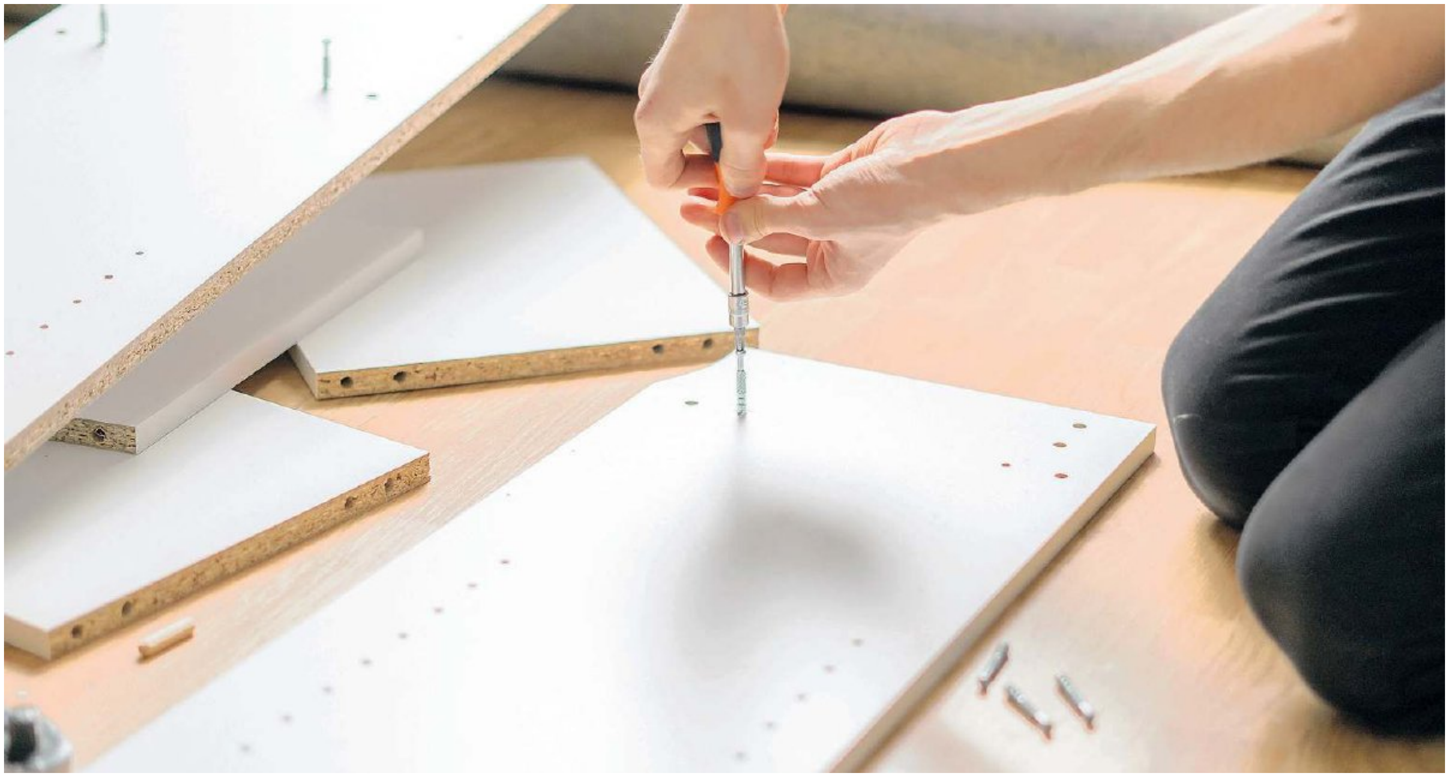

Assembly may be required but you won't need any special tools or specific skills, just a little bit of patience.

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SECRETS TO QUALITY DISCOUNT FURNITURE

There are so many reasons to love shopping for new furniture – seeing modern styles, finding a great deal and having a fun family outing.

Furniture buying can be an adventure into the world of home design, from kitchen tables and desks to linens and spatulas.

But you may also wonder if the low prices mean low quality. Not necessarily, but don't expect your inexpensive finds to last a lifetime. What you can expect from your purchases is a home filled with outstanding style. To ensure you're getting the best that the discount furniture market has to offer, read on to learn a few tricks to shopping smart:

View the Goods in Person, if Possible

If you live near the retailer, you can have a tactile experience with the products that intrigued you on a website: opening and closing dresser drawers, touching how soft (or not) the bath towels are, and judging with your own eyes whether that bookcase will complement the other furniture already in your home office.

Avoid Flimsy Materials

Whenever you need to buy something new, big or small, it pays to spend your money on the best quality you can afford. Take kitchen cabinets, for example. Many are made with particle board, not real wood. Particle board will look good until it doesn't. If you can spring for the real thing, it'll be worth it. Besides wood, other materials you can trust include metal, glass, and cotton.

Take to Tailored Furniture

Think fitted, not flouncy, when you're aiming for high-end style. Unstructured designs are too relaxed and floppy to be considered high-end. A tailored sofa, for example, would have neat cushions, a high-end fabric covering, and refined arms and legs.

Use Lighting to Create Ambiance

The trick to a good lighting setup is to have multiple types of lights working in a room. Each type has a specific job to do, but together they create a beautiful ambiance. Mix ambient, or general, lighting (such as a chandelier), task lighting (a desk lamp), and accent lighting (a light focused on a single object like a painting on a wall).

Put It Together Yourself

You can always save a little cash when you purchase furniture that requires a bit of assembly – it's cheaper to ship, store and display, so you can get a share of those savings. In some cases, furniture that is assembled is also modular, so you can custom-fit it for your home.

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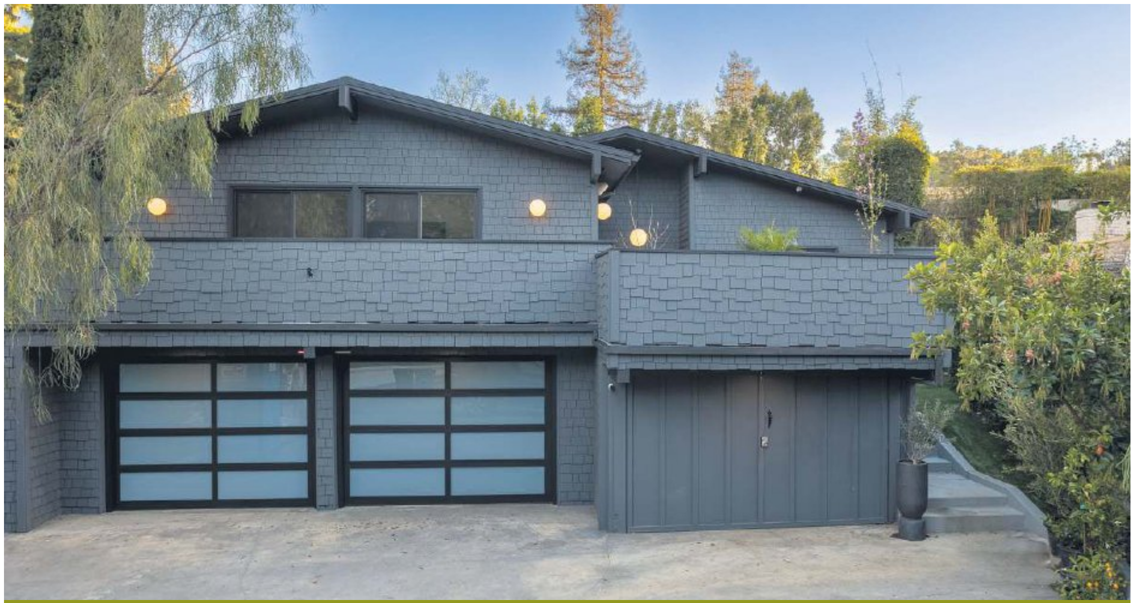

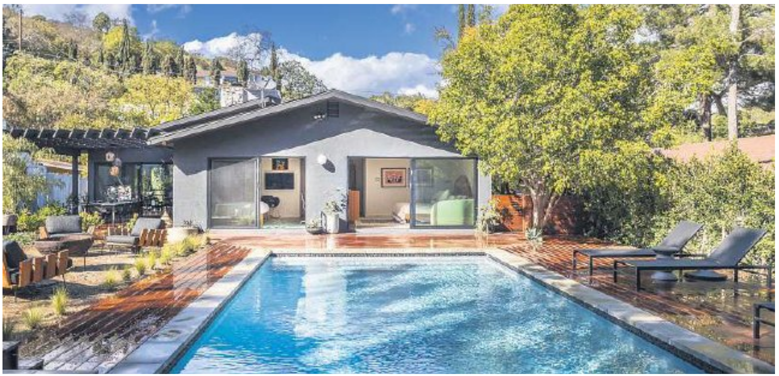

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